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LB 425

accounted for. There's been a request for a roll call vote in regular order on the question. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll. Members, please bear with us.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1480-1481.) 16 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. The amendment has not been adopted. And I do raise the call. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, please, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Schimek, AM1495. (Legislative Journal page 1437.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on AM1495 to LB 425.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is the Blue Book amendment. And AM1495 restores some of the funding for the Nebraska Blue Book on a very limited basis. It was drafted with the help of the Information Office. And as you all recall, monies were cut from our budget in the last few years, and one of the things that went was the 19...or, the 2004-2005 copy of the Blue Book. And this amendment restores enough money so that 2,500 copies could be produced, at a cost of about \$33,000. Now, typically, we print about 5,500 copies of the Blue Book, at a cost of about \$65,000. What this will do is will give us the...I think, probably the bare-bones minimum of what we could or should do. It would ensure that every public school and school library, as well as every legislator and every elected official would receive a book, and that there would be a limited amount that would be available for public sale. Now, I'm having two blue sheets passed out. And the second one has several different options that we could look at. I chose option one, because it was the least copy. My whole interest in this is that we have an historical record in hardbound copy, which, we have actually been producing the Blue Book since 1937. And even during, you know, very difficult times, we have always produced the Blue Book. And we do have it on-line now. The CD ROM version of the Blue Book came out this