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further lights on. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close.

**SENATOR STUHR:** Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Mines asked a couple questions about why aren't schools doing these things, and I think that we know that the demands on schools are very heavy today, and that we're talking about 21st-century skills and preparing our students. There's been a lot of debate about rethinking the high school experience. We also are talking about providing equitable opportunities for all students across the state. This is one way that we can begin to do that in the area of career and technical education. It is an important...it is a very important area. Schools do need to form these partnerships. They will need to collaborate, and that is a good first step in providing that collaboration and providing some experiences, then, for students, that they might not otherwise have. Vocational and technical education courses are very expensive, and you will find that in, particularly in your smaller schools, those are the classes that are difficult for these schools to be able to afford, and yet many of the spinoffs are extremely, extremely important. And I have talked to many people, teachers, administrators from larger schools. These are the classes that many times will keep students in school, and then they will become productive citizens, finishing high school, forwarding their careers in some postsecondary career that they might not otherwise have thought of. So I ask for your support in this amendment. Thank you.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the closing on AM2725. The question before the body is whether that amendment should be adopted. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Stuhr amendment to the committee amendments to LB 690, AM2725, offered by Senator Stuhr to the Education Committee amendments. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have you all voted who care to, Stuhr amendment to the committee amendments? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Stuhr's amendment.