

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 5, 2006

LB 1060

What are they doing that you don't want them to do? What area of education do you want to short so that you can continue this or increase areas of coordination and development that we don't have now? I believe that this is a modest proposal that, in particular on the Native American side, has shown great results. And I think the other two positions are going to, also. It is four positions. It's \$325,000. It's less than 2 percent of the Governor's veto package. I believe it's something that will pay big dividends for the kids that need it and for our total picture. As we look at how we help catch up with No Child Left Behind, with the parts of our student population that are struggling to keep up and to advance. We've seen great strides in some of those areas. I want to continue that. I understand budgets are tough and that you can move things around. But I don't know what I want the Department of Education to cut to fund these. I believe that these programs are worthwhile and a good part of what we do as a state. And I urge you to support this motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Howard, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand in support of Senator Connealy and his request for funding for these positions. And I'd like to read for the record an excerpt from the letter that was submitted written by Terry Werner, who's the executive director of NASW, which is the National Association of Social Workers, of which I am a member. Terry writes, we are writing today to ask for your support for a motion to override Governor Heineman's veto of four education consultants in the appropriations bill. We believe, in this case, the benefit outweighs the cost. The two Native American educators and one Latino would directly benefit a diverse Nebraska population. They will teach basic life skills that have lasting positive effects on our state. Please support this override. And he thanks you for your consideration of that. Perhaps even more poignant is the e-mail from Frank LaMere, who I hold in the highest of esteem. And I think Frank would not mind if I would read this into the record. Frank writes, I came back from Whiteclay on Sunday and again witnessed the devastation that we, as Nebraskans, have been a party to. We