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budget year. I would hope that this body would seriously consider this little over five hundred thousand dollars because it is a commitment. The schools did expend that money. In fact, there was a law case to this effect brought by the District of Millard joined by friends of the court to approximately the same amount of money which this bill attempts to recover for the costs of those programs that this body a couple of years ago said that you shall provide. So we are trying to meet that commitment and I don't think it is unreasonable. I think the facts and figures are there. They will verify it. Hopefully, you will see fit to advance LB 752.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. Boy, oh, boy. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this bill. If we said we would do 90%, then I think we ought to do it, and if we are a half million dollars short, then we should supply the money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, did you want to close debate?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I want to make one point very clear. This amendment is by no means a criticism of the Appropriations Committee and, Senator Marvel, I want you to know that. The figures were simply not at hand for the Appropriations Committee last year in terms of dealing with the deficiency. The figures are now in hand for the first time. They are available. We owe the local school districts in our communities five hundred thousand dollars for services we told them to perform. Senator Marvel is absolutely correct. This is an intolerable situation. That is why we want the Legislature to look most carefully at LB 761 which does the funding in arrears which will put us in a position to appropriate the money. The school districts will know exactly what they have. They will know exactly what is included. The Legislature can make their intent known once and for all in terms of telling the local school district what they want done and what resources are going to be available. This is an undue burden on local school districts at this time in terms of high expenditures with inflation and everything else. This was just another undue burden that we placed on them and the taxpayer is going to pick it up one way or another. He is going to pick it up, Senator Dickinson, in Millard. He is going to pick it up in Bellevue and Ralston or he is going to pick it up here. I think we made a commitment to the local school districts. They expend it under the rules and regulations that we had. They didn't decide what 90% was. The 90% was determined by the state. In my judgment, there was some areas there that we will be discussing in LB 761 but I ask you to add this appropriation at this time to once and for all clean up the funding in regard to the first eighteen months of the most treacherous stepping I have ever done as in regard to