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the Education Committee killed that bill because I drafted the bill on the basis of last year's program as opposed to the new program that Senator Remmers is offering. As I said before, this would expand the program for math, science and gifted education. A lot of education in this state, gifted education in this state is just in its infancy. We're just seeing it just beginning. A lot of the rural schools do not have teachers in their schools that are endorsed in the area of teaching the gifted education student. What I am attempting to do is try and open up this program, and hopefully free up a little more money for those educators who are interested in furthering their education, and furthering the advancement of gifted students by going back to school. Currently there are three schools in this state that offer endorsements in gifted education. They are UNO, UNL and Kearney State. I understand there is the possibility that a program may be established at Chadron. So it's an idea that I think it's time has come. I think the idea of the gifted education has come to the attention of a lot of the public. I had an opportunity to go to Omaha last Friday and speak to a group of, or at least attend and listen to the group of people who are interested in gifted education in this state. They were very excited about both LB 1065, which is my other gifted education bill, and this idea. Unfortunately the Education Committee did not agree with me on this particular idea. I have talked with Senator Remmers. I understand that he is not favorable to the amendment. For that reason, I wanted to make a statement on this particular idea, but I would withdraw the amendment at this point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, that amendment is withdrawn. So we're back to the bill. Senator Remmers. We're back to the bill and there are no other lights on.

SENATOR REMMERS: Then I just want to say that we're only talking about \$100,000. Under the program we had last year I think only \$4,200 went out. But I did want to say that it only requires \$100,000 and it does not require an A bill, as Senator Newell said. I suggest we move the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the