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LB 994A

on the bottom?

CLERK: Right, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. The amendment that I am offering to you and there is an explanation of the amendment being handed out by the Pages is an amendment to the A bill. For those of you that might not remember, LB 994A was introduced at the request of the Governor and was advanced by the Education Committee and was advanced over to Select File by this body a couple weeks ago, or a week or so ago, and had a price tag. At that time the A bill as introduced at the request of the Governor was \$25 million, I believe it was. The amendment that we are offering to you would strike that total to \$11,499,500. And this is again an amendment brought to this body at the request of Governor Kerrey. As he mentioned in his letter to us this morning, he was cutting back in some of the requests that he had made. If you have any questions on the ways that it is being cut, the handout, the summary that is being passed out to you will explain on the front page what would be left in the A bill. On the back page is a...on March the 7th, a summary that is dated March the 7th would be a summary of the A bill as it is right now. So the teacher stipends, for example, would be cut from \$20 million to \$10 million. Small classroom incentive would be cut from \$2,100,000 to zero. Staff development would be cut from \$1,025,000 to zero. Curriculum dissemination would be kept the same. Technology consortium would be kept the same. Scientist-in-Residence would be kept the same. Entry Assistance the same, and the Nebraska Department of Education Administration would be cut from \$716,000 to \$400,000. These are the amendments as I indicated brought to us by the Governor and I am offering these to you for your consideration. The priorities, I believe, of the Governor were outlined pretty clearly to us this morning by the letter, the correspondence from the Governor's office. I might add that I know all of us have different priorities, perhaps, including myself in some areas, but I think this is a good starting place and would offer this amendment and hope that you would adopt it to begin with as we deal with the issue of 994A. So I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.