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to oppose the readvancement of 568 and I will vote against it on Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise again to support Senator Vickers. I think he has offered us a prudent and reasonable compromise in this amendment. I, too, would like to have seen the program funded fully, however, as Senator Landis has so eloquently pointed out to us, the dollars simply are not there if we are to fund some of the other educational needs that are before us in this body. I would just like to point out that there is a need out there. We have heard it from many of the senators during the course of the debate on General and Select File. So I would urge this body to adopt this amendment. I think it is a reasonable compromise again, just as I thought Senator Kahle's amendment to LB 255 was a reasonable and prudent attempt to ensure that the program is funded but yet not at a point which is going to place a severe hardship on the budget. With that, I would urge your adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I regretfully have to support this amendment. But I can assure you this particular bill is going to help my district considerable. And what we are doing now, we are going to go with the programs, that is for sure. But our local people are going to pick it up. The property taxpayers out there are going to pick this bill up. We are going to have the program regardless. And I can see why Senator Landis doesn't want to support this. It doesn't mean much to the City of Lincoln. They don't have a program like this. But outstate Nebraska has this program and it is working and we are educating and giving fields of endeavor to a lot of people. But in order to save this bill, I will consent to let it drop to \$500,000, but I want you to know that the people out there are going to pick up that bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler. Senator Higgins.