

then vote against it. But on the other hand, if you want some mechanism to be there to say that, yes, we are cognizant of the property taxpayer's problem, we are also cognizant of the fact that, yes, we, the state, are responsible for education. We, the state, are responsible for education so, therefore, we, the state, should put in some funds. I cannot say to the school board members of this state, cut back on services, cut back on the services you provide to the children of this state for education. I mean, after all, we are only entering the information age. We are only entering the 21st century. We don't care if the kids are really learning as much as they should learn or not. We've got a Governor that promotes economic development. We've got a Department of Economic Development that is always over here promoting it, but when it comes down to putting the funds into education...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...and education is where economic development comes from, folks, education is where all of our economy comes from, we're not too willing to fund it. We're not even willing to put a mechanism in the statutes that over a period of six years would get us up to only 45 percent of the cost and there are a lot of states that have a lot more percentage of the cost than that that they provide from the state but we're afraid of even doing that. Now there are other reasons and Senator DeCamp mentioned those. There are some outside forces at work as well but that is not a good reason to pass legislation in here but the policy question is. There are those people that say we shouldn't make a policy decision that affects us in future years. Well, the whole statute books are made up of policy decisions that affect us not only this year but in future years and we don't have any problem doing that. I don't see why we should have a problem making this policy decision as well. I ask you to override on LB 341.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill pass notwithstanding the action of the Governor? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It takes 30 votes. Have you all voted that care to? Senator Vickers.