

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry. Senator Beutler. Do we have Committee amendments, Pat?

CLERK: Yes, sir, we do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

CLERK: By the Education Committee.

SENATOR KAHLE: I move for the adoption of those amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion and the second is that the Committee amendments to LB 248 be adopted. Is there any further discussion on those amendments? Senator Beutler, do you want to speak to the amendments?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just like to say that I'm in agreement with the amendments, and I don't think there is any problem with them. I would be glad to talk about them later.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion and second is to adopt the Committee amendments to LB 248. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried and the amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, let me first describe for a minute the problem I believe to exist, and then after that describe for you how I believe this bill will solve the problem. At the present time there are a certain number of students at the University, an excess of two thousand of them at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, who are receiving financial aid from different sources. These are...I'm talking now about financial aid based on need, not other types of scholarships. Under the present accounting system used by the University of Nebraska, advances for the purpose of buying books and supplies cannot be made from these grants until after the drop and add session, which is several weeks into the particular semester. There are a lot of students who need the money for books and supplies the first two weeks, right away. So the purpose of the bill is to solve this problem and to provide a means whereby funds will be made available to