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vote aye, opposed vote no. The question before the House is shall debate cease. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Koch to close on his amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment is really the bill. We have been discussing it and I will stand here and assure you and echo the same things that Senator Warner just said a moment ago is that we feel, and I say we, it is a number of people that have worked on this bill and it is really a, I don't like to use the word compromise, but it is, trying to bring together the diversities of the issue of how we are going to finance public schools in relationship to state funds. I think it is as equitable legislation as we can have. We are trying to recognize the diversity of the systems of this state and as Senator Warner said, the body of this legislation tries to treat the issues which have been brought to our attention and I would hope that when we get to Select File with this bill the bill will sit there until the last few days and we will make a determination of what monies might be available and we will have the printouts for each of you for every school system in the State of Nebraska to show you exactly what the impact would be, if the Legislature in its wisdom is willing to put additional monies. However, I would also warn you that if there are not some additional monies which are available to be put in this bill that I will be the first one to offer the indefinite postponement of the bill and we will just walk away and go home and hide our faces because there will be a number of schools in this state who will be seriously damaged and with the addition of the 7% limitation and possibly other kinds of lids it would be a serious problem to the public schools. Even though we may not agree with them in terms of their role and mission, you notice I put role and mission there because we have none in legislation for them, except as we want them to carry out their responsibilities. This bill will provide the vehicle by which we will allocate money and one comment Senator Murphy made was local control. I would like to dispel that. There is nothing in this bill that tells that school how to spend these dollars which we are going to provide them with for the future, nothing. It merely provides the formula under which they can fiscally figure the amount of money they are going to receive annually rather than trying to compute it and estimate it. I ask for the adoption of the amendments which become the bill and the advancement of 486 to E & R initial. Thank you.

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