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SENATOR KOCH: (Mike off) totally approved.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Koch. Record the vote.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See page 2023 and 2024, Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 25 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion is offered by Senator Vickers. (Read Vickers motion as found on page 2024, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I don't think there needs to be any lengthy debate at all on this, this idea, this motion. We just got through turning down an additional forty million. I am suggesting that we put in twenty million which would make a grand total of forty million new dollars state aid to education. The purpose for this is so that it will, to use a term that education people use quite often, cause ad valorem taxes to have a hold harmless clause. Since it is going to take approximately \$35.5 million or a little more to simply increase by the seven percent allowed under LB 285 of last year the budgets for the school districts of the State of Nebraska, it will take that many property tax dollars to make up for that seven percent increase. It doesn't take a great genius I don't think to understand that if it is going to take \$35.5 million dollars and we only put in \$20 million, then there is still going to be \$15.5 million, new dollars, raised from the property taxpayers of the State of Nebraska. I am just simply suggesting that if we are going to keep property taxes from going up from the schools, and I don't mean to infer that property tax still might go up because of the various other political subdivisions that are funded by ad valorem taxes, but I am talking about the schools of the State of Nebraska, the vast majority of the dollars that the property taxes raise, if we are going to keep the property taxes from going up because of the school funding then we should at least increase state aid by a minimum of forty million dollars. Now I think the issue is clear. I think it has been debated very fully. The issue is very clearly that whether or not we really want to put the burden of inflation, and I would suggest to this body that