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available and as I understand it they cannot be used for anything else. This bill will, if passed, save the taxpayers of the state over \$400,000 per year as long as those federal funds are available. I have also amended the bill as best I could. It now provides that if those federal funds are not available at some time in the future, then we would revert back to the ninety-ten split, that would be ninety percent state and federal and ten percent local funds. The Governor has indicated in his veto message that he has problems with accountability. He is saying that the local school districts will not be as careful as they might be if they have to approve programs which are not partially locally funded. I have had placed on your desks information provided by the State Department of Education which tells that the school districts will have to look to the long term precedent to be set by their selection of programs, because after these children become five years old, then the school districts will become responsible for the funding and so they will be reluctant to initiate programs which are not fiscally sound for those first two years even though they are not funding the program. So I ask that this bill, LB 765, the veto be overridden and the crux of the matter is that the taxpayer, the property taxpayers of the State of Nebraska will be saved about \$440,000 per year if this bill is passed. If it is not passed, they will have to dig that money up out of their pockets.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question. I think we understand the reason why this bill should be carried out.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Lamb, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LAMB: I have no closing, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendment notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See pages 2026 and 2027, Legislative