

amendments which are being offered which were offered earlier, were amendments in that direction. So, I just can't see that they are in good faith, that they are not supportive of the concept and the various arguments and amendments have really been designed to slow down the bill. I urge the adoption of the committee amendments and then let's advance the bill without undue time being lost.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, do you wish to close on committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I recognize the deep concern that all of us have relative to the responsibility that is incurred when we begin a new program of instruction such as we are outlining here. I think you have to remember that if you look back over the years, that I have asked and raised many of the same questions that Senator Vickers has raised and Senator Beutler has raised, Senator Koch has raised. I have asked those questions time after time after time. I think I can answer honestly and truthfully that those questions have been resolved, at least in my mind and in the minds of many other Nebraskans. I think you have to remember also that all too often today those of us in elective office have become a group of poll takers. We like to test the wind and it isn't very hard to find out which way the wind is blowing, then we bend with the wind. Unfortunately, the wind changes direction many times within a few hours or a day or so and it is a little bit difficult to reverse the direction of the legislative body or a legislator that rapidly. We have to embark upon a responsible course of action. We have to give the reasons why we have chosen that course and then we are stuck with it. I didn't mean to bring up the white elephant of the Elks Building but that was a course of action that at one time seemed to be a responsible course of action and today we have a two million dollar building which we would like to peddle off to someone because someone wants to build a thirteen million dollar Historical Society Building. I think it is more important to invest that kind of money looking toward the future, very frankly, than look toward the past. I am proud of my heritage and I would be as willing as anyone to invest some money in that kind of a project but I think that we need to recognize that these are serious times as we have said many times on the floor of the Legislature. Money is tight. Federal programs are tight. Our own budgets are tight. I have just been reviewing here a little bill, LB 520. It calls for a five million dollar appropriation for child care plus a couple million odds and ends for increasing the ADC money. I am sure it was introduced in good faith.