

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, you have one minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I know there is a lot of talk, a lot of maybe hard feelings on this issue. I would like you to know that in my case I think it is pretty clear I am being very consistent. I tried to get this adopted on Final Reading and I am doing it again. I didn't do it because I am Democrat. I didn't do it because I am a friend of the Governor. I did it because I think this was the wrong thing to do. I passed out for you editorials from the World Herald and the Journal and some others across the state that have indicated that they really had trouble with that part of the bill we are asking you to strike. Now the question the Governor had was, do I sign a bill with one flawed, completely flawed, part to it that may have some virtue if we had time to work on it, but at this point is flawed, or do I try and work something out so that the good part of the bill can become law and we can deal with that part he has concerns about at a later date. I think he chose the right course. I voted for the bill in the end despite the fact I had concerns and he didn't veto it in the end because despite the fact he had some concerns and I think in both cases it was the right thing to do. So please put aside any party label, put aside any hard feelings over the bill and think about the issue and the issue is clear. The issue is that we have put in place a flawed attempt to deal with state aid to education. Now I can see Senator Sieck and other people that have concerns that would like to see them addressed and I think the commitment is there to do that in a special session and I think that is a very strong step to take. So I would ask you to recognize the better approach is to delete this part of the bill, to delete it from the statute as we passed in 662 and deal with it separately and completely in a special session and see that when we do it, let's do it right. So I would ask your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority. Have you all voted that care to? We are voting on the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. Two are excused now. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I would request a call of