

instances. It is difficult to stand here and not support this amendment, but I, as Senator Scofield has pointed out, it's just the money is not there this year for it, but we do think it is very important that the full body know the problems that are facing some of the institutions in our state in attracting and keeping quality educators that all of us want. We want a first quality education for our students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Haberman is next, but may I introduce some guests that are leaving the north balcony. Senator Cal Carsten had 18 fourth graders from Murdock Elementary School and their teacher. Senator Vard Johnson had 11 fourth grade students from Temple Christian in Omaha and their teacher. Senator Sieck had 24 fifth and sixth graders from Staplehurst Center in Staplehurst, Nebraska, and their teacher and Senator Lundy had 13 sixth graders from Glenwood Elementary School in Kearney, Nebraska, and their teacher. We appreciate their being here today. Senator Haberman, please, then Senator Remmers.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is called. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate, please. Please vote promptly so we may move along. Voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Remmers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Just briefly, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do think that this is an issue that we are going to have to deal with down the road. I can see that the support is not there at this time and it's probably not the year for it, but I think it's very important that we don't forget that we are passing over the second stage of this three year phase. That puts us back another year and it is important that we do keep good faculty members, we pay them so we can keep them, but I know it's not going to happen this year so very reluctantly, I withdraw my amendment.