

junior and senior high school. And they are with the Legislative Contact Team for the NSEA, under the south balcony. Would you please stand. Thank you. Senator Chizek has some teachers with the NSEA under the south balcony. Bonnie Franks-Jones, Debbie Deines, Arlene Lindquist, all from Omaha. Would you folks please stand. Thank you. We'll move on to number six, LB 899.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 984 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I will try and make my comments very succinct and brief. Last week, in our haste to advance many of the bills on Select File, we inadvertently missed an amendment that was put on LB 899 that I'd like to offer this morning. It simply provides for a compromise on the fee structure of the bill, both for the inspection and the registration fees that seedsmen must pay to the state. Certainly they are not enthusiastic about paying further taxes. But they feel that this is a good compromise on the fees. It also provides for a penalty section in the bill that we also left out. There is some controversy surrounding this bill. But I think that Nebraska Seedsmen Association and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture tried to do their very best to work out those differences. I think the bill, with these amendments adopted, will probably be about as good as the bill can get. I would move that the amendments be adopted and then the bill readvanced to Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Johnson, I have a question. It may not...the amendment probably may or may not deal with it. But this is mostly for clarification of intent. On page 3, the first page of the bill, on line 16 it talks about the intent of the Legislature that funds received, pursuant to the seed law, be used in approximately equal proportion to the General Funds appropriated and expended for the administration, which is a little, it is sort of a new concept to me, it may not be new, that the statute suggests that there be equal...an equal amount. I guess that could work one of two ways. If the General Fund has to be half of