

responsible bidder or in fact the most responsible bidder. Even in a time where we are having some financial problems at the state level, I think we should give a message to the departments throughout the state that we want them to look for the lowest possible price on products as long as the products fit within these particular guidelines. With that, I urge the body not to adopt the Pappas amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Anyone else to speak on the Pappas amendment? If not, Senator Pappas, did you wish to close?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I think you can stand up and talk about the lowest bidder and it is a motherhood and apple pie type terminology but what we are talking about, we are not talking about bidding specifications for new chairs or a speaking system and a voting board in this body where you can put down actually what you are doing, we are talking about creativity and nowhere, nowhere in this page of the requirements does it address the creativity of the bidders, what actually they are bidding. And, sadly, this amendment will probably be voted down but somewhere in the future if people stick with that lowest possible deal, the greatest industry with the greatest amount of potential, economic development potential, Nebraska tourism, could suffer. It could suffer because of the use of that word "lowest bidder". I may remind you that there was a space shuttle here awhile back that took the lowest bids on many things. So the lowest bid is not always great. The criteria does not address creativity. It does not address the things that they are bidding on. You are not bidding on standard things. For the good of the tourism industry in the State of Nebraska, I ask you to accept this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Pappas amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Pappas amendment to the committee amendments is not adopted.