

this. The counties are in the same bind as many of us are here in the State of Nebraska and they are going to keep those wages down as much as they can, and they are considering the \$1,000 as part of their wages, and now we are going to take that away from them. Now I am going to say this, if we don't pass this amendment, I am going to ask you not to support the bill because I do feel that this is important, and I feel that maybe it was too important to even discontinue the school, but I was willing to allow this to continue for another four years and then let it be disbanded. So I really encourage you to support this because it is a strike against the assessors and I just don't feel this is right. It just doesn't make sense to take this away from them when this is something that they have worked hard for and now we will say you can't get it, and there is no way under the sun that they can get this \$1,000 from the county. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Sieck amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we are back to the bill. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced. As it currently stands, why there is a \$5,900 saving, General Funds, a charging fee for the cost of the assessors' examinations, plus the reduction of \$10,700 for the awards program, \$16,646 total reduction in General Fund authorization. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to ask you to vote against this bill. The stipend program is the largest cost in this item of...it would be about, if there was 10 people that is getting this \$10,000 or \$1,000 stipend, that is \$40,000. The balance of that program is very minute, and the thing has been working, and I just feel that we need to vote against this, and I will consider working the floor during