

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Hartnett, then Senator Pirsch. Senator Rod.

SENATOR ROD JOHNSON: Speaker Nichol, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Vickers' motion to try and put these funds back into the budget. I recognize as a member of the task force that came up with some of the ideas of LB 994 that we need these programs. We have not funded very many of them and I think it would be detrimental to the educational system and to the schools that have approved the process of being sort of the guinea pigs, as Senator Vickers indicated, to participate in this particular program and suddenly after making the preparation to participate, suddenly find that those funds have been jerked away and now they are left with an empty bag as, I think, Senator Chambers told us some time ago. I hope that the Legislature can approve putting these funds back in the budget. I think it is a minimal amount compared to the amount that we are considering cutting out and I'm hoping that with the replacement of these funds back in the budget that we can be that one step closer to providing the quality of education that we all want in our education system. And this is simply a pilot project that we're hoping in later years as the economy returns to prosperity, that we will be able to find was a worthwhile project to continue to fund during some hard economic times. So with that, I would urge the body to support Senator Vickers' motion to put these \$30,000 back into the budget.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Paul Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Vickers some questions if he'd get...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Get back to where you belong.

SENATOR VICKERS: Certainly,

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Vickers, what were the four schools?

SENATOR VICKERS: Polk, Marquette, Wayne and Ord.