

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment fails. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Right before that, if I may, I have a report from the Revenue Committee, to whom was referred LB 4. They report the same back to the floor as indefinitely postponed. That is signed by Senator Vard Johnson as Chair.

Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator DeCamp to place LB 4 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. That will be laid over.

Mr. President, the next motion I have is a priority motion, it is offered by Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely would move to reconsider Senator Withem's amendment that pertained to state aid to schools.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I would rise and ask your vote to reconsider that very close vote on the question of cutting state aid to education.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR WESELY: I did not vote against or for it. I took a nonvoting position because I do feel that we should not reduce state aid to education. We are already down in the bottom two or three states in this area, and at the same time, though, I feel that, generally speaking, the cuts being proposed here today are not acceptable in my eyes, and I think that most people who would look at the needs of the State of Nebraska would agree. So, I felt as though perhaps if we made the exception in this case, other exceptions ought to be made and probably wouldn't be made because it didn't have the clout or the impact that the education lobby has. So, rather than vote for or against it, I thought I would express myself by taking a neutral position. We came one vote short and now I'm thinking about it, and my thought is that perhaps it was a mistake. If we can salvage something out of this session in a positive fashion, we ought to take whatever we can to see that that happens. State aid to education is certainly one area in which we need to do what we can, not only to hold the line, but perhaps increase support. It is a confusing situation, I think we all know that. The vote in this last election was very