

do the job? I don't think it really probably is because I think you've got to have follow-up now. With the other money that they had before they didn't do that and again that's another issue. We're not opposed to the idea of helping young people at risk. We want to give our young people every opportunity we can, but I'm not sure that by throwing \$30,000 out there this is going to make enough difference to be worth the \$30,000 that may be doubled to 60,000 next year, and the following year doubled again, and then will become something that's institutionalized. That's why we're at the point we're at right now where Nebraska is very highly taxed. Our average income is very low and we're not able to do enough for everyone that has to be done. So I have to make a choice. My choice right now is, okay, when I'm being told I've got to look at making cuts and I know that we have a lot of other bills out there with accompanying legislation that's very valuable right now and necessary. We have some new ideas for some new other programs like in mental retardation, the disabled and so on. I want to do those kinds of pilot programs instead. And I am hopeful that our schools which we fund, I think pretty adequately, maybe it's time for us to look and see at the schools and say why aren't these kids being motivated? If they have the ability, they're in the public school system, there are many opportunities being provided right now in our public school system that we have. Why aren't these kids being motivated? Maybe with LB 91 we ought to be attaching the requirement that Senator Withem tried, I think, originally to try to do for a little more accountability because I think a lot of it is already there if the teachers are doing the things they should be doing to motivate these kids. I, unfortunately, am going to have to pick this as one that is not a priority for me this year.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Smith. Our next speaker is Senator Ha: "nett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairperson, I will call the question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Debate is ceased. We'll go to Senator Chambers to close on his amendment to the amendment.