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The purpose of the bill is to allow the regaining of tuition by those parents that send their children out-state, other than in Nebraska.

It's a reasonable bill. It doesn't affect my district, but Senator Kime is extremely interested in it. I'd ask that we advance it, but I think we ought to hold for just a minute while Senator Kime returns from his office.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I think there's one clarifying point that should be made because I think there's some people that have some concerns. It effects Class 6 schools only where there's This makes it very specific to those kinds of cases.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Lewis a question. Senator Lewis, subsection 2 of Section 1, if they're attending a school outstate does this mean that they would appeal the amount of this tuition to our State Board of Education?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, yes.

SENATOR STULL: Well I've had some comments from some of the Class 6 districts in my area. You know this has been a controversial issue the last few years. They objected to that subsection 2. Would you want to comment a little bit about that.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well let me make this kind of comment. I was approached, and Senator Kime, from the fellows ... from the students that were going to Burke, South Dakota. They couldn't negotiate the position. We didn't have any other recourse then give them some kind of an appellate procedure. It appeared to us that the State Department of Education was the logical one to make that appeal to. At the time of the hearing it should be noted that we had no opposition, of course, to the bill. Testifying in favor was a gentleman from Newport, Ross Rasmussen, and the School Board Association, Senator Kime.

We thought the appeal procedure was necessary in order that if the resolution was not obtained at the local level that it would be obtained at the state level. Senator Kime, of course, it's his bill and it's his area of interest. He may want to respond to that.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman and members of this body. This bill came up out of the ... way back in the woods there and kind of took me by surprise. I wasn't ... didn't know it ever had any chance of coming up today.

Now the bill takes care of those people ... the children over in Keya Paha County that go to Burke, South Dakota. They live about 13 miles from Burke, South Dakota and about 35 miles from the local school in Springview. They're not able to get tuition from the Keya Paha County people, so we've made it possible here to ... for them to negotiate for all or any part of the tuition from their local district.