

lose money, and the reason they will lose money is because they are collecting more from nonresident tuition than they would collect if they had a tax system as affiliation provides. If you just multiply the levy times the valuation of the Class I for the high school purpose, they would lose money. So we cannot argue tax equity. Affiliation would certainly provide tax equity to the nth degree but we also have opposition to that. So at this point, I would encourage you to vote for the kill motion on LB 726. Then we will pass over 326 and go on about the business of the Legislature.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you, sir. Before proceeding to a discussion on the kill motion offered by Senator Lamb, the Chair is pleased to announce some special guests of Senator Langford and Senator Miller. Under the south balcony, we have Holly Crocker and Courtney Kuebler, and Kara and Julie Kotsiopoulos, and Jane Kotsiopoulos who is a sister of Mrs. Jerry Miller, Senator Miller's wife. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We are delighted to have you with us this morning. Also Senator Higgins advises that the doctor of the day is Clint Jones of Omaha, serving today on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Please welcome Dr. Jones. Also an announcement to the effect that under the north balcony you will find a birthday cake in celebration of Senator Goodrich's birthday today. Happy birthday, Senator Goodrich. Proceeding to discussion on the kill motion, I have a number of lights on. I will go through them. If you would care to speak, fine. If not, please wave off. Beginning with Senator Scofield.

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to support Senator Lamb's kill motion and Senator Withem and I were just standing back here talking about the current mood on the floor that is evident, and I don't sense the anger and the electricity and the tension in the air that I have sensed in the past when these issues have come up. I know that my own blood pressure, frankly, isn't stirred at all. I think the reason for that is that we finally have a direction in this state under the leadership of Senator Withem, and instead of coming in and trying to deal with a complex and difficult problem that is very different, depending on the parts of the state you come from, that we have some kind of systematic approach in place for us and we do, in fact, see a light at the end of the tunnel for these kinds of issues. I particularly admire the approach that Senator Withem has taken to this whole process. It is, I think,