

the choice bill all along. I have been paying, or I choose to live in a Class I district because the farmers are paying my taxes and yet I want to send my students to Grand Island on a tuition basis. Now I want you to pay my tuition so I can live out there. I have a real problem with that. Now does that affect...is that the same situation, only happens to be Grand Island or Lincoln instead of Omaha, Senator Horgan?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, Senator Nelson, it's not. This is not a point forward bill. It's only for those students currently who are attending a school district other than their home school district and paying tuition. It does not allow any new students to opt out of their home district and to avoid having to pay tuition. It only will affect those students currently paying tuition to another district because they've opted out of their home district. So...

SENATOR NELSON: But it allows them no longer to have to pay that tuition, doesn't it?

SENATOR HORGAN: That's correct. Those students who in the '89-90 school year have been paying tuition and were not allowed to utilize choice to leave their home school district and if you're allowed to utilize choice, you don't have to pay tuition. But if they opted out under the other plan of paying tuition to the receiving school district it would allow them to not have to pay tuition any longer since they're not leaving their home school district under the choice option.

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I'll listen on that a little more, but I still have that very same problem. Moving out of the district, you paid tuition, \$4,000, \$4,500 a year and now because of the fact that you have moved out of that district then that you can go back in as a choice student and I have a problem with that because the state is funding a considerable amount of the choice. Maybe Senator Baack can help me out on that, but I certainly don't want to allow a family to move out of a district, tax purposes, 20 miles to Waverly, Nebraska or wherever it may be and then have the state pick up the difference on the choice student or option. And I still see that possibility there, maybe I'm wrong.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members, Senator