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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do rise to support the Willhoft amendment. This is something we did talk about on the side. It recognizes the problems of large old consolidations that was not adequately recognized at the other debate. It does not change, it does not change, it does not change the amount of money. It simply redistributes that because, if you recall, we had a pro rata distribution process and I believe that this will make it just a little bit fairer for those large old consolidations that really don't have anywhere to go. So, with that, I do support the Willhoft amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Chair recognizes Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I also rise to support the Willhoft amendment. And if we can allow a few more schools to take advantage of LB 1247 as long as they're meeting the other requirements, I think we should do so. So I thank Senator Willhoft for bringing this issue in front of the body.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Wesely and members of the body. I, too, rise in support of the Willhoft amendment. I think it's the only opportunity we have to do something for some of these schools that have been ignored before. I'm not sure it's going to help any of the schools in my district, but if it helps any schools anywhere in Nebraska, I think it's something we ought to take a real good look at. And I would ask that you also support the Willhoft amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I just rise to remind you the only reason that I am not voting on this or speaking specifically on how I feel is that I said originally I had a conflict filed, a conflict of interest filed with this very issue. And for that reason, regardless of how I feel, I am unable to vote. Thank you.