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welcome you. Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak on the Warner amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Just simply to reiterate that I am opposed to this amendment. From a rural area of the state, maybe I should be for class one schools but I think we all need to realize that some of these schools need to be reorganized. We need to have a little redistricting perhaps and it seems to me that the only way that will ever happen is through a dollar and cent figures. When the cost gets high enough people will, in fact, look for mergers. What Senator Warner is attempting to do would keep that cost forever low. I think we would perpetuate the class one school districts in the State of Nebraska and for that reason I am very much opposed to Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Warner amendment to the bill. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, my motivation has nothing to do with ..

SPEAKER MARVEL: To close.

SENATOR WARNER: To close? Right. That is what I assumed. To perpetuate or not to perpetuate class ones, pure and simple, what is a fair formula by law to set tuition and the basis for picking the one I have is merely utilizing the one that is all ready in existence in law for seventh and eighth graders. It has been that way for at least ten years if not longer and with no problem raised about it. So I would assume if it is right there it must be right across the board and I think it has a reasonable allowance for the fact that they are not a part of the system on the ongoing basis and the extra 20% does allow for that additional capital construction cost in the long run a school district would provide and finally, I would just again repeat that the provisions similar to this has been a part of many of the state aid bills I have had. It is not a new concept at all and this has been a part of legislation which this body has passed including over the Governor's veto but of course it didn't last when it got out into the public vote and I don't know if it is such a boondoggle for class ones. It seems to me class ones led or their representatives led the fight for repeal of the state aid bill. If it was such an advantage for them I assume they wouldn't have been such leaders in repealing the state aid in 1974, so I would ask the body to adopt the amendment.