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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, that is your privilege. The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second amendment to the Koch amendment offered by Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy moves to amend: (Read Murphy amendment as found on page 1257 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: There is a wide diversity of tuition charges and the correlation between the actual ADM cost and the tuition costs vary almost from district to district. We presently have in our statute a provision under tuition students that provides that a tuition student shall be charged one hundred and thirty percent of the actual cost of education in that particular district. I am asking that we incorporate that into this bill. I think it is going to save a lot of confusion and transferring of funds and separation of funds, sending part to the school, part to the county superintendent, that sort of thing but I think it would establish once and for all what the proper tuition rate is. This gives the district a 30% override above its cost. We have districts...I believe Grand Island is one where they probably are not charging that much today. We have others that are charging three or four times their actual cost and I think this is something the state needs to address itself to. I think it is a definition that should be laid down, that this shall be what the tuition cost is, one hundred and thirty percent of whatever your actual costs are. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, we are on the Murphy amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: I promised I wouldn't speak on the state aid bill because that is Senator Koch's and Senator Warner's operation but I consider this a nonstate aid issue. We fought this battle a long time before. Senator Murphy, one of the strongest advocates of local control, is suddenly trying to put the state in the business of telling the local schools what they will charge in terms of those people they accept. I wanted to put an amendment on Senator Murphy's amendment but since it is an amendment to an amendment I can't and I will wait on it and that is to resolve the issue easily and say no school district may accept non-resident students and then we won't have a problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you want to speak to the Murphy amendment?