

difficult for me to speak strictly about the committee amendment without talking about the bill as a whole. I guess at this point I would ask that the committee amendment be adopted and then we will discuss the bill as a whole.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Koch, is there any closing on the committee amendments? All right, the question then is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 165. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted. Now the Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, as Senator Koch has explained this is a bill that is an attempt to resolve a long standing problem in my district up in Keyapaha County. It involves some people who live closer to a school in South Dakota than they do to their home school at Springview, Nebraska. Many of you have had letters I am sure, from Elmer Richardson from that area this year and previous years. We have finally come to, I hope, a resolution of the problem in that those people in that area would like to send their children over to Burke, South Dakota. The local school district objects to that in that not only does it weaken the school from a lesser number of students attending the school but also the people who are sending their students to South Dakota are asking that the local school district pay the tuition over into South Dakota and I think you can understand that the local school district does not think it should be responsible for not only providing the facilities and the school, but also paying the tuition over into South Dakota. Well this has had a long history. It has been taken to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education upheld the patrons and held against the school district saying the school district should pay the money. What we are talking about now is whether the state should mandate programs without providing the financing so under this bill we have a compromise now. The original provisions of the bill were that if the State Board of Education mandated that a school district, Class VI school district, paid tuition into another state for some of the students, then the State Board of Education should provide that money. They are mandating that it be done. Then it is logical that the state pick up the tab. We hear this all the time where the state mandates a program but does not provide the funding. So this bill originally would require the state to pick up the tuition in total