

into us into us at the Education hearing and said, look, we don't want to be a part of the appeal proceedings. We don't even want in it. They opposed the bill. They did not like the original change in the law that was made by Senator Lamb's predecessor if I am correct. So what we did years ago, a few years ago, was make a change in procedure which was a mistake but was a political change to help solve a problem. Then that didn't work out so now we are trying to further make another change and the rationale for that change is based on a mistake we made three or four years ago so we are compounding the problem. I see no reason why in this area there should not be a uniform law and if you want to make a uniform rate on the state treasury and have the state paying for all these things now, then let's go ahead and do it but let's do it for everyone and if we are not going to adopt that principle then let's not adopt it for Class VIs because I can see no basis for making the distinction for Class VIs. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Lamb to respond.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, do you yield?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Would this include all the states that surround Nebraska?

SENATOR LAMB: This bill applies to Class VIs so most of the Class VIs are in the western part of the state but it would apply to any Class VI which borders another state.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, and then I have another question of you. It says the State Board of Education determines. What factors do they have to use to determine if this is in the best interest of these school children?

SENATOR LAMB: Well in this particular case the patrons appealed the local school board's decision to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education held against the school district and mandated that the school district pay this money and I don't know...you know, they look at the situation and just decide whether or not those students should go to their own home district or whether they should go into another state. I guess I can't really explain all the factors that they take into consideration and I am sure part of it is, or most of it is the distance that is travelled.