

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A couple questions of Senator Lamb.

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SENATOR WARNER: One was I think similar to what Senator Hefner but as I understood your reply, there is no apparent guidelines in the statute that we utilize by the State Board of Education?

SENATOR LAMB: I believe that is correct, Senator Warner. It just merely states that if the patron is aggrieved then he can appeal it to the State Board of Education and that is what was done.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, and then the second question, you indicated in your remarks it was like \$6,000 cost and I notice the fiscal note would indicate substantially more than that. I understand the bill is amended to only half the cost but it would seem to me that based upon the fiscal note apparently a number of school districts were contacted that are in a like position and the total cost then was estimated somewhere between \$108 thousand as I recall and some higher figure which would be at least half that if all those schools did apply and those students did qualify. I didn't quite understand the rationale that why only four or five students when the potential appears to be up towards the seventy or so.

SENATOR LAMB: Well there are a number of students around the periphery of the state in the Class VI which meet the guidelines as far as being closer to a school in another state than they are to their home school in the State of Nebraska but up until this point that has been resolved on the local basis. In some cases the local district is paying the tuition out of state. That has been their decision. In other cases the students are travelling the longer distance to their home school rather than go into another state. We must remember that under this bill the State Board of Education has the...really the final or well they have, if they mandate they have to first mandate that the school district pay this tuition or that this tuition is paid and only in this one case have they done so and I have a letter from one of the members of the Board of Education that indicates that they are going to be very, very selective in the cases whereby they would mandate that any of these students should be sent out of state. That is why I am saying at this point, I think the \$6,000 is going to be