

and pay the tariff. And these people, school district, just said, shoot, we don't want to pay it. We will just change the law and get somebody else to pay it. Isn't that about where we are?

SENATOR LAMB: Well the real issue is that the school district is furnishing the school there but then here comes the State Board of Education and says, hey, those kids don't have to go to your school. They can go to another school and you have to pick up the tab. We are going to mandate that you do that but we are not going to provide any funds for you to do it. You are going to have to take it out of your regular funds which you have available for supporting your school district and you are going to have to take them out of there and pay tuition over into South Dakota.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, that is, I guess as I recall in this case and as I say, I was involved in it quite a bit for a long time until I told them to pick on you, it is my recollection that the school district just basically said to the guy, look, we don't like to pay it. It is too expensive to bring your kids in here or run them over there so we changed the law one time, run it to the Supreme Court. We have jacked around with this for seven or eight years and underlying it is a fundamental issue that we are trying to really duck and that fundamental issue is the whole issue of reorganization, consolidation, whichever you want to say and so we buy time in one little spot because we've got one boil or wart up there and it has finally gotten obnoxious and one individual up there decides he is not going to back down. He is going to keep pushing it, Mr. Richardson, and I admire him for it even though this is the wrong solution. So we finally say, okay look, get off our back, fellow, we will give you a couple hundred grand out of the state from now and forever and we solve that little problem over in that little corner but what we are doing is ducking the big issues of what our school districts should be, what our school financing should be. We are saying, school district, if you don't want to pay, if you do want to buck us, if you do want to say, go to hell, and you do it long enough, we don't care what the Supreme Court says, we don't care anything else, that Legislature there will come up with money because that seems to be our magic solution to thorny problems. Buy a little time, throw a little salve, give them a little aspirin and worry about it another year.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have fifteen seconds.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will submit to you, it is better not to