

accredited system under the South Dakota system. These young people that we are talking about, they are very few really, can drive one mile to the South Dakota line and there they can get on a bus and from there they can go to Burke High School which is about another nine miles and they can do this each day and they can do it in a degree of comfort and they can also be assured that the system they are attending is accredited. They can also be assured that they can take part in the academic program as well as the cocurricular activities of that system which is also important. That is a learning laboratory as well. I share Senator Vicker's concern the process may occur but for us to try to anticipate that now I think is not appropriate. We are talking basically about one school system, this Class VI system which is a countywide system. I don't believe this is going to hurt us one iota. It is a few thousand dollars to try to help children get the best education possible under some normal types of situations. I am sure the State Board of Education when people come to them are going to take into consideration several criteria and by the way, we do have a law on the books that relates to education in how you determine the best interests of a student. We talk about accreditation. We talk about distance. We talk about other kinds of things that would be a handicap to pursue a reasonable education. The State Board of Education has elected to represent the State of Nebraska. I think occasionally this body ought to put some responsibility on those people to make determinations as to what is the best interest of the children and I am certain that they will make those kinds of decisions. That school district also is a very poor school district. They educate approximately eighty students and I can see why they are reluctant to give up the number of six students to their system because it does penalize them some ways in state aid but I must also remind you those people who live in Spotted Tail pay tax on their property to support that school system so it isn't without some quid pro quo. That is what we are always looking for. I am saying to you that if we are really concerned about young people, let's not use them as pawns all the time. Let's look at them in terms of what might be in their best interest.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR KOCH: In this case I have studied this for six years. I happen to believe it is in the best interest of Mr. Richardson and those children that we pick up part of that support, not only in behalf of those children, but on behalf of that school board who labors under some distinct financial problems and they are very unique. So I am saying that I support Senator Lamb because after all,