

individuals affected. That is the way it should be left and I oppose Senator Beutler's amendment, and I am sorry he brought it on the floor after we spent considerable time in the committee talking about this.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Lamb could yield to a couple of questions.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Lamb, I understand your proposal and I think I understand Senator Beutler's amendments. Am I correct in assuming that this applies only to pupils who attend schools outside the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, both proposals apply only to those outside the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Lamb. I guess I am not sure how I feel about these particular amendments. I can certainly see the logic behind Senator Beutler's proposal. I have recently become a situation in my own district that I think the Education Committee is going to have to take a look at. As you know, school districts set tuition for nonresident students and these tuitions vary in the State of Nebraska from almost per pupil cost which in some cases will be around I think \$2500 per student to some cases I think about as high as \$7000 per student. But we have a situation in western Nebraska now where an individual family lives 60 miles from the school district within which they are located and a few miles from another school district, and they are going to have to dig about \$1400 out of their own pockets if they want their children to go to the school district that is closer to home, that is closer to home by about 60 miles. So we are going to have to start taking a look at these problems on tuition and in this particular case it is obviously in the best interest of the child to go to the school district that is closer to home. But you hate to see a family have to dig up \$1500 out of their own pocket to do that. Maybe we should just hold this bill for a while and address some of those kinds of problems with some amendments later.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 165. Senator Beutler, you may close.