

late and they are not going to meet their schedule. So by not using them during the school hours, Saturdays and Sundays and when school isn't in session, at the present time Chase County High School uses their buses during the summer for the migrant school that they put on and there is no problem, then I wholeheartedly support this bill. The permissive part of it is pretty rough in a small town. For example, there is a school board that I know of that said, "All right, no more are the school buses going to go up the lane to the house and pick up the rural children. The rural children are going to have to come to the highway." That was published in the paper on the front page because it is a new policy. The next school board meeting there were eighteen very, very angry farm families at that school board meeting and the school board reversed itself. In a small community local pressure, it is your aunts and uncles and your brothers and your cousins and your neighbor that you are saying no or yes to. And I called some people around Gretna where this bus bill really comes from and I explained to the one lady the problems we have in western Nebraska, the distance we have to travel with these buses and she said, "Well, I really didn't understand all of that." She said, "I feel like you do. Let's try it with us using them during the summertime and not during school hours and see how it works out." And under those conditions, I feel it would be a very, very good bill and I would like to see the Legislature go forward with it. On the other one, I was afraid that if a handicapped person tried to use the bus, they can't. Then they could look at the school and they could say, "You have to change the configuration of your bus so I can use it." So I put that in there to protect the schools so that they don't have to change the configuration of their bus.

SENATOR CLARK: You have a half a minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. So I would say that I am not opposing this bill but we have got to have these amendments and then it will be a smooth bill and everybody can use it and I think things are going to be fine. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I will speak on the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh, do you want to speak on the amendment? No, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker....

SENATOR CLARK: You are up next, Senator Marsh.