

transportation wouldn't be used for senior dining sites but simply perhaps for excursions and that type of thing. So the committee amendment severely restricts the bill. I think that is why Senator Marsh raises these objections. Now the reason the committee adopted that amendment is, I think, they wanted to severely restrict the bill, that they conjure up numerous fears and problems and hypothetical situations that might occur, and maybe there could be some of those problems but I think they are rare occurrences, and in any case, it is strictly a local matter. It is strictly permissive. If the school superintendent does not wish to do this, all they have to do is convince the school board not to allow it. That seems fairly simple but Senator Remmers indicates that there is one school superintendent that doesn't think it is a bad idea. Well, with this bill, if the school board concurs with that superintendent, the program could be started. That would be one group of senior citizens in the State of Nebraska that could have transportation that don't now have it. I think that the bill provides for efficient use of existing resources. I think that Senator Marsh was pointing out that the committee amendment does severely restrict the bill. I realize that the committee amendments jeopardize that some people like Senator Haberman may rise up in wrath and oppose the whole concept. I would hope that would not be the case. But I think that we have to look at the question of senior citizen transportation. If we do not adopt this bill, there is certainly other alternatives but I would point out they are far more expensive and that is establishing separate senior citizens transportation systems.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman, did you want to talk to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in answer to Senator Fowler, we did not do this to harm the bill, Senator Fowler. In all honesty and in all sincerity, we did not do that but you must realize that people from our area have different problems than those that live in the cities. And in answer to Senator Marsh, if a child becomes ill, Senator Marsh, the bus is usually maybe on the way to school so they can take the child to the hospital and the doctor. It is not in some town fifty or sixty miles away. If the child becomes ill on the bus on the way home, the driver picks up his radio, he radios the school. The school calls the parent. The parent meets the bus and takes the child into town. We have another bill, LB 144, that is a transportation bill for the elderly. It has over a million dollars in it to provide transportation for the elderly and it is even asking for