

ought to give a try in the State of Nebraska. So I would move that the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have serious reservations about this bill. I realize it is permissive but on the other hand I think those school districts out there have enough problems without adding to their problems, and there is going to be a lot of pressure if this bill passes, a lot of pressure on school boards, on administrators, to allow the buses to be used for other functions, and as I see it, this is just the camel's nose under the tent. From here where does it go? It goes on and on and on and I submit that we should not, we should not submit the school boards and the administrators to the additional problems that this sort of thing is going to cause and we all know that they have plenty of problems out there at this time. I urge that you defeat this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, it is with reluctance that I rise to oppose this legislation. Senator Lamb stated it pretty well. We all know that schools live with seven percent lids, and when you contract with someone, you generate additional revenue which immediately has some effect upon that budget. In my mind, the transportation of elderly is not the responsibility of the school system even though you say "may". In the smaller communities it is difficult for the word "may" to stay in place. It becomes "shall" because most people empathize with problems of those who are older and have difficult times in terms of transportation. This properly should be the responsibility of cities and counties. That is where the responsibility rests and that is where it should be taken care of but it is always easy to pawn something off on schools again because we are the great social catalyst and so the problems of many become the problems of the schools and oftentimes we curse the schools for high expenditures. Some of the same people who wish this will also vote against school bonds, will vote for severe limitations, will do a number of things that thwart the endeavors of the public schools. If the need is recognized in the community, then that city council and government should recognize and provide the service and many times they can avail themselves of a used bus and modify it to the needs of those they wish to serve. And let those people then administer the program, let them apply for the funds which are available, but in many cases, those subdivisions of government do not wish to avail themselves of certain funds available