

to provide for those individuals, particularly senior citizens, who need this service. This bill has been before this body on any number of occasions. When I sat on Urban Affairs, it was an annual piece of legislation and I have to admire the persistence of the senior citizens who now have Senators from each of our districts, that is good strategy. However, for us to make this determination today is not in the best interest of the public school system. They already have problems that they are unable to solve and I am fearful that we are going to add another problem which will add to the difficult times that public schools are having today. As much as I would like to recruit the senior citizens on the side of the public schools, I don't know that this is the way to do it. I guess if I were a superintendent of schools out there I would provide a hot lunch program, then invite senior citizens to partake of that at noon, charge them a little bit for it, help them out, possibly provide them transportation if available but some of these schools, their buses are limited and the time they use them becomes extremely difficult. In the summertime, the schools then have one more problem. They are going to have to have the drivers and they are going to have to provide the contractual arrangements, and in addition, as I said before, with seven percent lids, this additional revenue which immediately would become vulnerable in terms of how that school functions in its total program. Therefore, it is with reluctance that I oppose LB 85.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers moves to amend LB 85. On page 4, line 25, add a new subsection (e) which would read as follows: "Any other group who contracts with the school district for purposes of providing public transportation."

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMER: Mr. President, I would like to withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Beyer, do you wish to speak to the bill as a whole?

SENATOR BEYER: Yes. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have been talking about energy at several different times during this session. Now in my particular instance in the area that I am in, they are contracting with buses out of Omaha, same configuration and everything, and the federal government is paying for those buses to go out there