

a certain efficiency in the use of tax resources so that the investment in these types of transportation services can be shared and used more efficiently. Now perhaps Senator Lamb and some others don't envision two fleets of buses because they don't expect to provide any transportation for senior citizens. But I would hope that is not the case. When we talk about an untenable position for the school board, I think we should consider the untenable position of those who we by law deny driver's license to through a testing system that says they shall not drive unless they pass that test, force them not to have transportation by our law, and then turn around and say, "We will not provide you any alternative." To me that is a more untenable position than allowing a school board to decide if they want to share their resources that they have gotten with tax dollars with other people in the community. As I have said, other states have used this program. It does not provide all the troubles, and unless the State of Nebraska wants to invest large amounts of money in building duplicate fleets of buses, I would suggest that LB 85 can provide a cost realistic alternative for transportation. I would hope that this bill would not be killed. It is in a very amended and limited form. I think it is something that we ought to try. I don't think that we are asking that schools move into a new area. All we are asking is that resources that are paid with tax dollars be shared. Just like we allow a community group to use a school auditorium, what we are saying is we will allow a community group to use the school buses. It seems to me that the bill just makes good fiscal sense.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are discussing the Lamb amendment. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Lamb's motion to indefinitely postpone LB 85 much for the same reasons that Senator Fowler just pointed out. But I would remind the body that LB 85 is permissive, and in that instance I don't think that we can use the argument that school districts are going to be put in a untenable position. If they do, they do so at their own discretion. I am a little bit surprised that our good conservative members are in a position where they would encourage duplication of facilities paid for with tax dollars, and from my perspective, that is what will happen with the killing of LB 85. I will repeat again the situation as it now exists in at least one community in my district, Alma, Nebraska, with the senior citizens center there that provides lunch to the senior citizens in that area, many of them unable to drive, many of them having to take advantage of a minibus or a handibus or something of that nature to get them down to their senior