

citizens center. It seems to me that allowing through permissive legislation the county that, in this case it would be Harlan County, they are the ones that are providing the funds, the county supervisors in that area, to enter into an agreement with the school district if both of them so desire to not have a duplication of these buses, thus not having a duplication of spending of taxpayer dollars. I think it makes good sense and would be reasonable to allow LB 85 to become law and allow these people to share their and pool their resources, if you will, rather than have them duplicated. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I am in trouble on the bill because I kind of expected I would find Senator Lamb sponsoring it and Senator Fowler opposing it because this is about the most conservative bill you can dredge up. What it basically says is, "Hey! We have got limited government resources and the taxpayer doesn't like to buy two things when he can buy one", and so just the same thing we set up at the state level, car pooling where we have a central manager of some equipment, and then we say if this agency wants to use it, they pay and so on and so forth. What we are saying is we have a resource at the local level, that resource being a big heck of an investment in automotive equipment, buses, we have a system for maintaining them and now to make that more efficient for the school, more cost effective, more efficient for the taxpayer who is financing both the schools and the towns and the cities and so on and so forth, we simply set up a system much like the car pool where the county or whoever it is can contract and pay a portion of that and utilize this one main resource. And as I say, I could think Stevie would get up and he would say, "Well, we should have a separate bus, a nice bright yellow bus for the old folks", and Howard would say, "No, by golly, they both can use the same bus and we can be cost efficient and that is the way to do it because the taxpayer deserves a break". But here we have got Howard saying, "Now, let's kill that bill to be cost effective" and Steve saying, "Golly, we ought to be cost effective", so I am baffled. I don't know what to do. So I am going to vote to keep the bill alive on the hopes that Steve and Howard can both get back in the right track with Howard supporting and Steve opposing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, underneath the South balcony as a guest of Senator Barrett, Mr. Terry Currey who is the City Administrator at the City of Holdrege. Will you stand so we can welcome you? Senator Cope.