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ought to be fully aware of the growth potential that there is in that appropriation and in this case I think that growth is substantially probable and one of the ways that the Legislature as a whole then can consider that growth, is through enabling legislation. It puts a ceiling on the expenditure rather than being faced with a consideration of a deficiency appropriation each year as the number increase. So I would move the adoption of the amendment to put the ceiling of approximately 54 hundred dollars on the amount of funds that are to be appropriated by the Legislature unless there is separate action at a future session to expand that dollar amount.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the return of 165 as explained by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is returned. Senator Warner, on the amendment. Senator Warner, do you want to adopt your amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the amendment as I have explained it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I guess I...I strenuously object to this. I think this is the first A bill I have had in the five years I have been in here. It is a very modest one. The bill has already been compromised down to where it is only half of what it was originally. We have a real problem here in that the State Board of Education is telling these school districts on the perimeter of the state that these students can go into another state even though that school district is responsible for keeping the facilities there. The State Board of Education is mandating that the local school district pay that tuition into a neighboring state and that is absolutely unfair. I am saying that the state, if it is going to mandate those things, should pick up the tab. The way the bill reads now they are only going to pick up half of this tuition. I resist this. I hope you vote against this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman, I think there is a very important principle involved here. The Legislature needs to