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know where our dollars are being spent. If we pass legislation so that we have no control we will come back in future years and be unable to control what dollars are mandated by this legislative body. This will cover the students who are involved this year. We should know by another year the number of additional students whose parents apply for this type of assistance. Perhaps we should say they have to go to school in this state. That is not what Senator Lamb is trying to accomplish but we could solve the problem that way. With the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment we have a mechanism to carefully monitor this expenditure. If you say it is not much money, this year it is not much money, but if the amount doubles because there are more students and we have no way to keep a handle on it, then we have defeated the purpose. I urge your adoption of Senator Warner's amendment to LB 165.

SENATOR CLARK: Before I call on the next speaker I would like to announce the delegation from Taiwan. There are 29 members from a special mission from Taiwan, Republic of China who are over here to contract for a hundred and twenty metric tons of U.S. corn. The mission leader is Mr. Benjamin Lu. The deputy leader is Mr. Chung and the director out of Chicago is Stephen Chen. Would you stand and be recognized by the Legislature please. We are glad to give you a hearty welcome to the Unicameral of Nebraska and thank you for coming over. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I stand to support Senator Lamb in this regard. I think that Senator Lamb has not only made an attempt to be compromising in this regard but I think that the amount of money that we are talking about can easily be absorbed by the Department of Education. Senator Lamb, if I could get your attention for a moment. Senator Lamb, much has been said about this amendment, about the purpose of putting this limitation on and if there were additional monies. Have you talked at all or had an opportunity or do you think the cost will be so great that the Department of Education could not absorb that in a one year period that would be there? Couldn't they absorb that sort of cost and that be budgeted into the normal appropriations process from here on out?

SENATOR LAMB: I am sure they could and furthermore, at this point there has only been one school district which has gone through the procedure involving the State Board of Education and taking it to them for adjudication and so in this next year these other Class VI schools that are on the perimeter, there is no way that they can become eligible for this thing in that short of time and admittedly, in the future, if they