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fully discuss the constitutional issues that could be raised by this bill. I think it is worth the risk of having this tested in court and I intend to support Senator Koch. The only last point I would like to make is that Senator Higgins spoke of this bill as if it would make the life or death of the schools in the State of Nebraska. Well the private schools in the State of Nebraska are going to survive and they are going to survive very well because they do something in many areas that perhaps we should strive to do more in our public institution and that is strive for excellence and that is why you can see some of these institutions that have tuition levels that are very very high, continue to attract students and that is an example I think we should follow. But the private schools are going to survive and so are the public schools and we need both of them and we shouldn't hopefully see any conflict between the two systems. But LB 321 is a logical proposal. It is one that will assist the private institutions and again, I think Senator Koch has laid out why it is not extending the credit of the state to those private facilities. So I do urge you to support LB 321, to vote against the Beutler motion and let us consider this bill today.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, since Senator Cullan is compiling a list of persons that he does not want on the Supreme Court, I think his list includes Senator Higgins and Senator Vickers at this point, I would like to expand that list by one and place Senator Cullan's name on that list also, but to get back to the bill, I have opposed this bill from the beginning and the other people outvoted Senator Vickers and I. So I opposed this bill on principle from the beginning in that it has tax exempt funding and there again, we have been expanding this sort of thing in every direction and I have opposed that in every instance. We have tax exempt funding in the last few years. We have established that method for funding homeowners, blighted areas and in this session, farmers. I think maybe there is one or two more but this is another example of using this method of financing. I think you are going to kill this goose that lays this golden egg before too long. I don't think it is a sound method of financing so I oppose the bill and I support the Beutler motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, where are you? Well, Senator Clark, I will call on you then.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I call the question.