

this amendment provides no mechanism by which any state agency or any review agency, any designated agency would go through the process of sorting out the legitimate claims from the illegitimate claims. So in summary, I don't think there are going to be great additional costs. Even if there were, the school districts can make adjustments for it, and I would be in favor of excluding it from the lid if that is necessary to ensure proper adjustments. Thirdly, you are stepping into an unprecedented area, an area that is of itself should be the subject of...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...great public debate in this body should we proceed in that direction, and finally the amendment I think is technically in error and unworkable. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: We have Senator Johnson, Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Vickers, Senator Remmers and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, just a few minutes in commenting on Senator Peterson's first amendment which is to require the State of Nebraska to pick up whatever costs result from the implementation of LB 628 by local educators including ESUs, technical community colleges and the public schools. The truth of the matter is the State of Nebraska right now puts an inordinate amount of funds into the hands of local school districts. We put it in through personal property tax relief monies. We put it in through school aid. We put it in through special benefits to the technical community colleges and we put it in through monies to the Educational Service Units and, in fact, if I had my druthers, I suppose I would say simply we won't put the money in. We won't put the money in unless you conform to what we think appropriate standards are for sex equity in society but we are not doing it that way. We are saying this is a piece of legislation which tells you that you have to continue to maintain a major social effort to ensure equality of opportunity both in employment and in education and in sports activities and extracurricular activities for women because in our society we truly have been way behind in that area. And, yes, if you have to incur any cost as a result of "our-you" case, then you can incur those costs but I guarantee you a lot of the money that you will be paying out will be money that we through the State of Nebraska have put in. It is for that reason I think that we ought to reject Senator Peterson's amendment and just give this legislation to the local school officials, tell them to continue to do their