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LB 895

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, now it says that the amendments gut the original bill and sets out a complicated formula to be used each year to determine tuition rates, is this correct?

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes. Now back to where the three times came in, there are some schools that are currently charging more than three times and that is why we started with that three times figure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does this put a minimum...would this put a minimum of three times figure or do you have any idea, can you give us any idea? You see I am getting input from my schools.

SENATOR REMMERS: No. I would say that in some cases this formula could well be more than three times that they would be allowed to charge according to this bill. However, I don't think it is mandatory but there is no ceiling now either.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I guess what I am trying to say is I am getting input from my schools. They want to support the original 895 and then some of these people are not aware of what the committee amendments are saying and it is called the "Uniform Taxation Formula", is that what you...?

SENATOR REMMERS: I believe.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And this formula you have not made available to us.

SENATOR REMMERS: I think it has been available. I think the Nebraska State School Boards Association in their news bulletin encouraged adoption of this formula. I think the Nebraska Association of School Administrators encourage adoption of this formula. I have some reservations but I believe that there are some serious problems with the straight per pupil cost and that is why I am at this time supporting another formula.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You are supporting the committee amendments then?

SENATOR REMMERS: I am supporting the committee amendments at this time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion? Senator Koch, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?