

students nor school boards nor nonresident students. I think it is imperative that this body treats this issue right now and I am prepared to offer amendments on Select File to help resolve some of the questions. So I ask for the advancement of this bill as amended to E & R Initial. On Select File I will make certain that we do put some provision in there which would protect the fact that no one would go beyond the point that we are talking about right now.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree that there is a problem. I agree that there is a problem but let me show you what this does in some specific instances. Under the proposal which is being advanced here, one of the schools in my district has a per pupil cost of about \$2,006 per student. Now presently they are charging... their nonresident student rate is \$4625 which is well over double but under the provisions of this formula in the bill the rate would be no less than \$4709 and no more than \$5887. So the rate, although their per pupil cost is \$2,006, the rate charged could be as high as \$5,887. Another school, the present nonresident tuition rate is \$4,000. Under this formula, the rate would be no less than \$4,758 and no more than \$5,947. So what you are doing is mandating an increase in the nonresident tuition rate. It is not doing what the bill should be doing and I hope that you would not advance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman. Senator Schmit. We have got about forty-five seconds on the bill and we have more speakers.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, one question of Senator Koch. Senator Koch, all districts will not be able to charge exactly the same tuition rate in this proposal, will they?

SENATOR KOCH: No, they won't. It will be dependent upon the number of students that they receive, Senator Schmit, based upon the valuation of the Class Is versus their own Class Is but there would be a formula used. It would be across the state used by everyone. Our amendment we are going to offer would be the fact that there is a range that they can use and the thing Senator Lamb is talking about, and I know the school he is talking about, it is Ainsworth, but I am also familiar with the other schools in your county. It would merely allow them to work with a range and they would not have to go to the ceiling under this. They would go up to it if they care to. That is a matter of the local boards and the county schools that they are going to receive, the Class Is.