

must be Douglas County, this issue is being considered right now. So there is no need for the Legislature to get into the issue. The courts are already deciding that issue. Millard school district has said basically the same thing that I think Senator Schmit is saying that in lieu of school tax or at least the way the revenue from that school land is distributed is not proper and it is in court. So it would not be, in my opinion, appropriate for this Legislature to interfere with that. Now, as I mentioned before, I signed onto this bill with Senator Schmit and he is the primary introducer of LB 188. I am willing to support legislation which will sell the school land. We get into all these arguments about how the money should be distributed and, furthermore, out in the area where that land is located there are all the arguments between the local people every time that comes up for lease. They have what they call bonus lease bidding. So you all gather at the courthouse or some other place and the Educational Lands and Funds Board representative is there and then all the local ranchers and farmers bid on that lease. Now, the unfair part of this is you bid on the lease for, say, a seven-year period and that's a one-chunk of money.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: It might be a \$1,000 or \$2,000 or as much as as 10 or \$15,000. But you don't know what the annual lease payment is going to be because the board can change that after you have purchased the lease. So that's an unfair situation that should be remedied and I think the best remedy is just sell all the land, everybody is on the same footing and we go from there. So I just strongly oppose bringing this bill out of committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. The gentleman from Ewing, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in opposition to this motion of Senator Withem and Senator Schmit's. The term highway robbery may be a little bit understated. This...you know, I can remember my grandpa was running the ranch, he had many conversations with a professional criminal by the name of Doc Middleton and Doc Middleton used to stop by the ranch and keep his horses overnight, water them, and gramps said, well, you don't have to worry about Doc because as long as you treat him fair why he will treat you all right and he never did have any problems with Doc. But I'm beginning to