

this new program or this new project in just the high schools and see how it works, and then come back and possibly change it to the grade schools, then something is wrong. You have to learn how to crawl before you learn to walk, so let's take it a step at a time. Let's see if it works, let's see how the finances work out, see how the citizens accept it. Now it's not us, it's not our Class I schools, it's not our high schools, it belongs to the people in those school districts. But we're standing here and saying, we know what is best for you, we know what is best, and we're going to mandate to you this is the way it's going to be done. Well, if you want to do that, that's fine, but let's don't be in such a big hurry to do it. Let's don't change the game plan all of a sudden. So I'm going to say let's slow down a little bit. As I understand it Senator Lamb's amendment merely takes the grade schools out of the issue, leaves the high school in the issue, and I will support that amendment, and I would ask you to do the same thing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Withem, Senator Schmit and Senator Coordsen. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, you know I find this very difficult to explain. And in talking with some of my seatmates around here I just thought I would try to further clarify what we're talking about, if I could, and probably, maybe be a bit repetitious, if you'll excuse me for that. To repeat what I have said before, I have long been supportive of the, and Senator Haberman covered it quite well, the affiliation concept for these Class I's who send their children to a K-12 for high school. We have always had the problem of what should the rate of nonresident tuition be. As Senator Withem mentioned, we did away with nonresident tuition in the near future, hoping that something can be worked out with 259. LB 259 was before us last year, did not advance because there was a lot of opposition from the...primarily from the K-12 schools who wanted to go the whole way. And so now we do have the committee amendment which goes the whole way which says you affiliate not only for a high school, but you also affiliate for a grade school, which means you pay a common levy. It's just as if all...It's somewhat similar to all the schools, for instance, in Douglas County paying the same levy with the choice bill, those students would be able to move back and forth to some degree. But the bottom line is that all of those schools in that area would be paying a common levy. Now I know