

available to you the mill levy for all Class I schools, Class II's, all schools in the State of Nebraska. And if you really wanted to have your staff check that out then you could probably see the difference in the cost per student. So, with that, I think from what I see I still support Senator Withem and the fact that we will never have true equity in education. And our students that are in some of these districts that some of the residents want to keep strictly because it's a little bit cheaper, is not fair to our students. And all students deserve the best education possible within the facilities and the means to provide that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lamb, would you care to close.

SENATOR LAMB: Members, I think this has been well developed, well debated, and we're about ready to vote. As I see it the issue is very clear, and it...I would like to start out by saying this does not affect me, personally. I'm not part of a Class I. I live in a Class III. We have a good Class III and it does not affect me. In fact, I'll probably benefit from the committee amendment because some of these Class I's would probably join our Class III and kick in a lot more money. I don't know, won't be fair to them, but they could do it. And it would probably financially be beneficial to me. So it's not a personal thing with me. But it is...it does affect a lot of people who need to be represented on the floor of this Legislature. I think there is a bit of a lesson to be learned here. And even at my advanced age I'm still learning some lessons, and one is be very careful when you start to compromise, you know, be very careful when you start to compromise. I voted for LB 940, I voted for 940. I voted for affiliation concepts for high school because we said, hey, here's a compromise that meets most of the objections of those people who had a problem with nonresident tuition. This does