

to the amount of dollars they have to transfer, so this simply repeals those two sections. The Education Committee had a public hearing on this specific issue because we didn't want to do something that there may be some other problems across the state that we would be creating. There was no testimony against the bill. The only districts that came in were the ones that are involved in this specific case in Senator Lowell Johnson's district and so there was no opposition to this. I just agreed with Senator Johnson to put this as part of my amendment to the committee amendments. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to try and answer any questions that people might have. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Baack amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Baack and Wehrbein.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I guess just for the record, I think that I will be supporting LB 843. I do have a problem in this respect and I appreciate Senator Baack and the work of the Education Committee and so on and so forth to try to clean up the problems. And my problem still is the fact that the state reimburses, which is state money, the receiving school for these students. I know I have, in my area, and I know most of you do around your small towns or so on, or I will take the area maybe east of Lincoln here as an example. This is not basically the only reason but one of the main reasons that people live in these areas surrounding some of our towns is the fact that they're living in a Class I rural district that may have a tremendous amount of agricultural land and a small subdivision of just simply urban residents. Therefore, they are living out of town a mile or two miles, maybe three miles, but usually two or three, and paying probably maybe 30 percent less on their real estate. Then with this option, they then can go the two miles into town, or the three miles, and have those students educated within the town that they're saving on the real estate dollar and tax and I know we can't get around that. But I have a problem with the state then picking up that reimbursement that in many instances that I can...or one subdivision or two that I know of around Grand Island, it's a 1,000 or \$1,500 less per year on their real estate tax. So I have a little problem by then the state coming around and kind of a being a good Joe and picking up that difference. I guess, just for the record, and I