

foreign language classes and 35 that took home ec. That is fine in Senator Hefner's district. There may be a number of students, 35,000 to be exact, in the state who attend some private institution, who are going to be now counted into those formulas the way I understand this amendment if they take some type of program in a public institution. Now does that also include those students who receive Title I, Chapter 20, Chapter 1, Title XX, whatever the numbers are, do those students then become counted into the formula as well? I don't know. We want to recognize them because it will now bring more money into our district because we do a few things for them. We don't want to recognize the tax savings that those 35 to 40 thousand students provide the rest of the public school system. As a matter of fact, the public school system came out and opposed, the teachers, the school boards opposed LB 346, worked and formed an organization that would come out and oppose the fiscal impact, which is approximately...it was under \$300,000. It was 600,000 on the fiscal note. The experience in Iowa showed that it was going to be under 300, probably right around \$150,000, but we want to oppose that recognition when we see the tax savings that is into the tens of billions...millions of dollars with regard to what the private school people do in educating children and saving those dollars in the public institution, but at this point, now we want to take credit for them. We want to take credit and have more money run into our districts because those kids happen to live in this area even though the bulk of their education is provided for by themselves in addition to paying property tax dollars which support the public school system. If this amendment isn't adopted to the Hefner amendment, I will stand to oppose Senator Hefner's amendment because it is hypocritical at best.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss the Hall amendment? Senator Schmit. Senator Abboud, would you care to discuss the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Hall's amendment and I think this gets really to the essence of educating our youth in this state. These students would be going to public schools. These students would be resulting in increased classroom size, would be resulting in additional schools having to be built. These students that attend private schools would be costing our public school systems additional millions of dollars if they did not attend these private schools. I think we have to realize that when we