

talk about providing additional money to public schools, over \$200 million we are going to be providing to public schools, that even a greater burden could be placed upon public schools unless we provide some support, minimal though it may be as Senator Hall pointed out in this particular amendment. It almost seems like these students, we don't talk about them until there is some way that we can somehow get some money, and I think Senator Hefner's amendment, I plan on supporting the amendment, even if this one isn't attached, because I think it brings up some good points, but it is hypocritical. And if these students were not attending these private schools, they would probably be attending the public schools in Senator Hefner's district. I support the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, do you care to discuss the amendment to the amendment, followed by Senator Labedz.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Hall, I don't think you understand this amendment. What this amendment does is says that if they are going to a parochial school and go to the public school for some classes, then they would be able to get some state aid for that on a fractional basis. If they was there for one class, it probably would be 1/7th, and if they were there for two classes, it would be a little more. But, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask you to rule on the germaneness of this to my amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The bill before us is LB 1059. It is, basically, a school finance issue. The amendment that Senator Hefner is offering is an amendment that recognizes parochial school children that want to be involved in the school finance system, want to be recognized as a part of that system in terms of the formula for allowing state aid to flow. All LB 346 does is recognize students who are in a parochial or private school, as well as the public school system, with regard to their income tax deductions for expenses. We use income tax in 1059 as a funding formula. We add it to that mechanism to show that we need to restructure our school finance system. We now, with the Hefner amendment, want to try and recognize these students who are in private schools. I think it is appropriate that LB 346 find its way as a germane issue into the Hefner amendment.