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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...transportation needs. We heard those questions and we decided in the original drafting of 1059 not to do that. I would suggest that this is not the time or the year to make this particular adjustment and would urge your nonsupport for the Lamb amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I'll now recognize Senator Moore followed by Senator Elmer. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I, too, rise to oppose Senator Lamb's amendment. I understand Senator Lamb's point of view, why given the vast width and sparsity of his district, why he thinks it's a good amendment and it probably does make some sense in Senator Lamb's point of view, but Senator Lamb may be careful for what he wishes for here because this is exactly the type of issue that we purposely tried to stay away from as we wrote LB 1059 two summers ago now. Because what happens, as Senator Withem already stated, there is two ways to do it. One is the very broad way that we've chosen to do it where we said that cost of schools is somewhat mirrored by its size, the thought being the smaller the school you are, usually the more cost you are allowed. And we opted for that method which is very simple and much cleaner than venturing down a path like Senator Lamb proposes here because when you start down this path there is really nowhere to stop because obviously the City of Omaha comes in and says, well, we have, as a percentage of minorities in the State of Nebraska, we are in a class of our own so we must be treated differently, we must have certain weight because of that. The City of Lincoln comes in all because of the University of Nebraska and state government. We're the only school district in the state that is like that so we need special weight for that. And you go down and the list really goes on and on and on and I venture for Senator Lamb, would warn him, if he wants to go down that path it's going to be to his disadvantage in the end. I think what we now have in statute is something that recognizes that, you know, size does have something to do with cost and the difference in those tiers from the most expensive to one of the most least expensive, you know, is \$1,100, \$1,200. And what you could do if you really want to do what Senator Lamb wanted to do that, but I'm sure if this amendment would get on, Senator Withem or Senator Horgan or