

Horgan, I appreciate the response. I am not clear as to how I'm going to vote for this. I understand the problem that it raises with regard to the individuals who fall into this situation. It does impact the Omaha school district and I think Senator Horgan was very honest in the approximately \$360,000 figure, just very rough math would...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...have you...it could be higher than that and it probably will be higher because it's going to be that much in a single year. You spread that out over a 10-year period, it's going to fall off some but the balance of it is going to be there. It looks like it has potential to be anywhere from a three to \$4 million hit for the OPS system when it is spread out over a 10 to 11-year period. I think at this time without a better grasp of those numbers and how they break down and what the total impact is going to be, I'm going to at least abstain from voting to support this and probably will oppose it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Just a comment on Senator Hall's comments. The cost impact, of course, we have to recognize is borne by the school district and the school district in this case would be District 66 who would be losing the tuition rates. District 66 is neutral on this. They are not opposing it and so that fiscal impact is not a fiscal impact that the state is going to bear but is a fiscal impact to be borne by the school district. This issue, if we don't resolve this issue, the next step is that there will be suits filed to allow this to happen and to bring this topic up before the courts to have it settled there. And so it will allow the two school districts to get out from under that threat of litigation and I think is a beneficial thing to do. We're not talking about a great number of people. We're talking about people who have made the choice to go to District 66 schools because of the educational opportunities that they feel are offered there. OPS and 66 are very careful in allowing these families to come into the district that it's not a situation where they're trying to avoid the desegregation issue and it seems to me that it's a reasonable thing to do and as long as the receiving school district is not, at least in opposition of bearing this cost, that we ought to allow it to go through and to allow the school districts to get on about the business of educating the kids. Thank you.