

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Nelson followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I, too, am having problems with this and committee counsel is trying to help me out on this and I don't want to open this up to a lot of people that we were unexpectedly planning to do it. My concern maybe will go with AM5107 and Senator Horgan's amendment would read, students that presently could not go into Lincoln, Nebraska because of the fact that they were not approved because of the overloading of the schools and it was not necessary. I believe I have it straightened out. It would not allow for someone that has currently been living in the district move out and then be able to take advantage of it as a nonresident student, but we have a district out here southeast of Lincoln with some very expensive properties in it, 5 acres, 10 acres, 20 acres, very much object to their students going to Waverly, Nebraska. They have to ride a bus the whole 17 miles. I can tell you the story, I've heard it a number of times, so they have been paying tuition into Lincoln, Nebraska. One mother said we pay tuition over \$12,000 a year for our children. My question was, why do you do it? My husband wanted to move out here. That's fine, that's their prerogative but I don't want to open it up. They would be allowed I believe to come in, if committee counsel disagrees with me, they would then be allowed to come in, remain. They were in the school year '89-90 and they're still, they wouldn't be a case of someone moving out there coming back in, but they have been paying tuition through these years or so on. They're probably financially able to do it or they would not be doing it, and in this case, by the way I read it in the amendment, we would then be picking up for the tuition of their children and I simply don't think that's fair for the taxpayers dollar because the choice bill does not cover all of the expenses, I think only 1,942 and that's the reason for our \$2 million. So I have still some real questions on this amendment. It does affect a lot more than just Omaha.

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

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, Senator Horgan, again, just a question because I'm not picking this up which would not be unusual for me, very slow at...especially education issues. But the issue here is one of who is paying? Is that my understanding? In your response you talked about