

the tuition. The Lincoln families aren't going to have to pay tuition. Any other family that is not in Omaha Public schools isn't going to have to pay the tuition, it's simply this finite group of people. It's not a question of a lot of money being raised, it's a question of fairness, and it seems to me that these families would be allowed to...who made the choice years ago to participate in choice and to seek what they consider a better educational opportunity for their children, to be able to continue to do that. I, therefore, think we ought to leave 207 in its present form, and would oppose returning it for the removal of that amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Robinson, followed by Senators Rasmussen and Chambers.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have a couple questions for Senator Horgan. Senator Withem used the word "elite". I presume he was talking about the people that were transferring in from OPS to Westside. Now you talked about students from Lincoln. How many students from Lincoln that were refused are...and now coming to the Lincoln Public Schools that are not paying tuition?

SENATOR HORGAN: I can't answer that, Senator, I don't know.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Would you say that they may be in the same category that Senator Withem was talking about, elite, maybe...a family that may have some...maybe a little more income and so forth.

SENATOR HORGAN: If elite means that you're willing to make the sacrifice to pay the tuition then, yes, those families who paid the tuition to the Lincoln Public Schools are as elite as the families who paid the tuition to go to District 66.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So elite is a...is...it's not...it's all around the state you would probably say, because aren't there tuition students...there are tuition students...we've had tuition students throughout the state for years, haven't we?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, we have.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yeah.