

SENATOR HORGAN: Have those students been paying tuition?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yeah, I think that's the point right there. The point is you've got parents who are able to pay tuition sending their kids to the Lincoln Public Schools who, under 207, are not going to have to pay the tuition anymore. You've got another group of parents who are paying the tuition, send their kids to the District 66 schools, they, if you strike this amendment, are going to have to continue to pay tuition. It's not fair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Lynch, followed by Senator Robinson.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, I remembered, I walked by David Bernard-Stevens and I thought of David, and then I thought of populace, then I thought of Republican's who were liberal, and I thought of Stahmer. His name is David Stahmer. He talked about this issue some time ago. He was on the Omaha School Board, and also he was a member of the Legislature. When I talked to Senator Warner about the kind of a fellow he was, he could remember, when I mentioned his name he really remembered who he was. But he was right in those days. And what concerns me about what we're doing here today is that we are, in a sense, discriminating against those people who stayed in the school district. It can't happen any more, but for those 28 kids and their families who are affected by this, we're making it appear as if they did intentionally intend to do something wrong or different, simply because they happen to live in the Omaha School District now. I would think, if it is class legislation, somebody would have to prove that they did, in fact, send their kids to District 66 for the wrong reasons, not just assume they did it to avoid desegregation. But we do know this, those people that moved out immediately that first year or two, a lot of them were my neighbors, and could afford it, did it for that reason. And there is no doubt about it, they did it for the reason to avoid desegregation. But they're going to have the right to move in, no expenses, thank you, if they want to, and send their kids to another school district. It seems to me that, unless we can address that issue at the same time, we're justifying, on the one hand, people doing things obviously for the wrong reason, and penalizing those who we are not quite sure