

did it for the wrong reasons at all. Seems to me this is a one time only thing, it can't happen again, and it shouldn't. But on the other hand I don't think we serve any kind of justice or purpose by returning this to take that amendment out as it applies to those kids who happen to be in District 66 now from the Omaha School District. Senator Horgan makes a very good point about the kids in the Lincoln School District area. And it's interesting that even though the Lincoln School District might be full, and that's the reason they never took those kids, it's also obvious and should be obvious to all of us that the reason the southwest districts schools grew so quickly at that period of time was, in fact, because of school desegregation. And we, in fact, reward those school districts and those people for moving away from the desegregation school district in Nebraska. I don't think this is a good idea at all, and I hope we don't support the amendment now on Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, just want to review a couple of points. If you were one of those, put yourself in the shoes of one of those parents in Omaha. You had your children going to Westside prior to choice, okay. You know there are people out here in Lancaster County that are sending their students to a school district, which is Lincoln, which says they're full, but they're being accepted some way. But they don't pay the \$3,800. Now put yourself in the shoes of those people in Omaha. How would you feel? You know how you'd feel, you wouldn't want to pay the 3,800 bucks, and I don't blame you. And let's talk about what Senator Lynch said. These people didn't white flight, they stayed in Omaha, they stayed in Omaha. Think about those two things when you vote on this bill. And the last thing, it's not fair, there's no way you can say you're being fair to the people in Omaha, there's no way, not when you've... regardless of what you want to call the people that send their kids and then to pay tuition, it's not fair when the people in Lincoln don't pay. And I agree with Senator Chambers, I think we should have a desegregation program. But I think... I believe like Senator Lynch said, there's something wrong here. And the thing that's wrong is we're not fair, people. Please vote down this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Warner, followed by Senators Withem, Chambers, and Morrissey. Senator Warner.