

situation. Lincoln, first of all, is not going to participate in the choice program. Without the choice bill, Lincoln allowed children to come from other districts if they paid tuition, which everybody understands. Because of the choice bill, and I hate to use that word as though there's a cause-effect relationship because there isn't, but the choice bill was passed. Lincoln still is not going to participate in the choice program but they say the children who are going to Lincoln schools now from other districts and paying tuition may continue to go but they don't have to pay tuition. No other children will be allowed into that situation. So these parents, as with the parents in the Omaha situation, are being given under the terms of the Lincoln language a bargain that they did not expect. They sent their children to Lincoln schools on condition that tuition be paid. All this amendment that I'm offering will do is make sure that that situation continues to exist. If Lincoln allows children into their school district from other districts by paying tuition, those children currently going there who are paying tuition will be allowed to continue going there but they will pay tuition. The only reason we have both problems, that in Lincoln and in Omaha, is because language was added to the bill that would give these parents something they did not bargain for while making sure that no other parents could take advantage of that for their children. If you have any questions, I will answer them. The reason I wanted to speak on the amendment is so that if anybody would look at the legislative history of what we've done, in case the Omaha amendment was stricken but this Lincoln language is not, it will be clear that from my point of view the two situations as far as their legal effect are the same, and because of that, one having been stricken, the other one should also.

SENATOR CONWAY PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker will be Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. As the next speaker in the concatenation of speakers on this issue, I rise to support the amendment because, in fact, this is special legislation. If it was special legislation in the case of Omaha, it's special legislation in the case of Lincoln. Having adopted what I think is the higher road of stripping the amendment on Select File for the Omaha situation, it is part and parcel for us to do that now with respect to my own hometown. With respect to my most humble