

this issue then actually became the vehicle, this amendment became the vehicle where people who could not get transferred because the two boards of education would not agree, and I'm not condemning that, were able to get into the Lincoln School District and then in the future...of paying tuition and now avoid it. I think the legal argument that is being made is right, that it is a closed class and I cannot disagree with the argument that it ought to apply uniformly to all districts. Although I am well aware that I will have some constituents who are benefitting from the provisions in this bill, I cannot argue that it's a justified benefit the way it is drafted. Perhaps if we change this, then the kind of situation that we were confronted with, many of us, with this one child, could be avoided or at least choice would not have been the excuse to provide a needed service to an individual who had no place to go and needed to leave the school district they were in. So I'm going to be supportive of the amendment on the legal basis, but I do know that in that process I am creating a financial hardship...I don't know if it's a hardship, but a financial cost to some people, but I think it's one of those cases where you've got to do what is right irregardless to some of those consequences.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator. Next speaker is Senator Baack. Senator Baack, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I also rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. I think in the effort to be fair about the way we apply this system I think that we have to go this extra step and we have to say, yes, we have taken care of it, we have done it in Omaha, what we needed to do, and now we need to do this also with Lincoln. And I think it's necessary to do it anyway because LB 207 does have some specific parts of it that are very important to the operation of LB 207 in the future and I would certainly hate to see 207 struck down in the courts because we did have some special class legislation in there. So I would certainly support this amendment to take off the special provisions provided for Lincoln in this case also. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Baack. Next speaker is Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, are there any other lights on?