

State of Nebraska. Obviously, we do that. Obviously, the hold harmless amendment could be argued caters to a group of...a large group of small school districts. I understand that, but I think Senator Lindsay's amendment coupled with the amendment this morning go down a path that I think is a wrong path to go down. I think it's a wrong path to go down with very little thought by this body. I think it's a wrong path to go to town if you don't happen to be from an area that has a block of votes that can force this body to make a change. I think it's a path you're going to regret. I think the amendment this morning was bad enough. Senator Lindsay's amendment, in my opinion, makes it worse as far as tearing down some of the very good and sound reasons 1059 is based on and I guess I would be a little disturbed if the body chooses to do that. I would rise to oppose the Lindsay amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Lynch, you're next.

**SENATOR LYNCH:** Mr. Speaker and members, I hate to react to Scotty's comments for fear somebody would accuse some of us who might disagree with not taking the moral high ground, but (laugh) I serve with him on the Appropriations Committee so I don't take the comment seriously anyhow. When he said...when he said there's a block of votes that could force the Legislature to do something, think back to the first few days of the session. If that were true, we would have fair representation from the Second Congressional District on the Appropriations Committee, first of all. So, obviously, we don't control much of anything around here. Secondly, 719 is what offended the formula, not the Lindsay amendment, and you should all understand that. We're expedi...I have no problem with it, too serious a problem with it, but it expedites the reimbursement back to the school district. That's different than the formula was originally intended to accomplish, and just...that's all I wanted to mention. I have no problem with it, but I think it makes a lot more sense and if we want to take a moral high ground then I think we should support the Lindsay amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Wesely. The question's been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.