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then they can do that. I have visited that fine facility. I have been through it. They offer a fine program. So does the Grand Island Public Schools. The only thing this will do it certainly will make a consistent move, for that school in Grand Island Northwest and others like it, to plan their program. They have already anticipated what that student need will be in terms of their capital outlay, in terms of their facility.

Again I'd say to you that I think the bill has been compromised out. I think it's acceptable to them. Senator Bereuter certainly doesn't like the bill. I just said to him some of us see things as they really are and some of us see things as we would like for them to be. The things as they really are—we have existing educational facilities doing a credible job outside of some of these cities. I would think that those that have carefully looked at the bill and, in compliance with the Speaker's request, ... and I'm going to make this very brief, would move the bill forward. I'm certainly not going to move the previous question because you don't speak and move it, but I certainly vote for it.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Thank you. Senator Dworak please. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I concur with the remarks made by both Senator Lewis and Senator Kelly in regards to the problems that these schools face. I just want to correct Senator Kelly and not let the illness rest upon the Grand Island School Board as those who made the decision. One thing Senator Kelly forgot to mention was at the time the state only saw fit to give those non-resident students \$15 a week to go to the receiving school district. Well that figures out to about \$500 a year for that school district to try to educate that child coming in from a haven for taxes. I want that made very clear. Had the state saw fit, at that time, to provide monies for free high school tuition which were equivalent to the actual costs of the city receiving them probably this mess would not have occurred. The other problems would have been reduced.

With that as a remark, I think we've had full discussion. I'm ready to call the previous question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Question has been called for, cease debate. All those in favor indicate by voting aye, those opposed nay. Will you please vote. Please vote. Previous question has been called for. Senator Savage voting aye. Will you please vote.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays, 9 not voting.