

the grade school kids in Lincoln but it would seem to me that they should have equal access to this particular program. It was my thought that the intention was to do this for high school students across the state, wherever it could benefit high school students. If we are going to dip down into grade schools in some areas, I guess that gives me a different perspective on it. I didn't realize that that was part of the intent.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, as I understand the bill, it could apply wherever there is no other language program now in a school system, as I understand it. And I guess the question I was raising is would that preclude simply because there is some students that wanted to participate in the program that wasn't in the 9th through 12th grades. Would that preclude this school from getting assistance for this program under your amendment? Or do you think that if some other students from the 8th grade on down wanted to take place that that wouldn't eliminate the....

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't think it would eliminate it if there was no extra expense. I mean, if they are being given the materials and the teacher is being given the training for 9th through 12th, there would seem to me to be no logical reason why younger students couldn't take it if, in fact, there was no additional expense to the state.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. I just wanted to get that clarified because I believe there are small schools who might have that situation arise and if your amendment is adopted, it seems to me that that could pose a problem in the administration of this fund. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair...Senator Vickers, are you finished? Senator Beutler. Excuse me. Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Beutler yield to a question? Senator Beutler, do you have any more amendments to LB 62?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have one more.

SENATOR WIITALA: One more. Would you agree to LB 62 in any form?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, as I indicated....

SENATOR WIITALA: Or is it your intent to oppose it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, as I indicated to you on the floor earlier, I oppose the basic concept of the bill, but if the