

use the per pupil cost, which is derived from the actual operating cost, divided by the number of pupils as the basis of determining what the tuition rates should be and then add, as Senator DeCamp indicated, a factor to try to somehow meet what might be the rental cost. Let me assure you that that is not the way that rental costs are set for those of you that might rent property and that is really what you are doing, you are renting space in another school district. The better way to address it, it seems to me, is to use the mechanism that the other school district itself uses to set the budget. Now there is no school district that determines per pupil cost and then determines how much they are going to spend as a result of that. Instead of that they set their budget based on the needs of that district and then however many pupils there happen to be there, that is what winds up being the per pupil cost. This is an attempt by Senator DeCamp and others to put into a bill on Final Reading a mechanism that is very similar to one that was in a bill that was introduced by Senator DeCamp that came to the Education Committee. Very similar and was stopped in the Education Committee, was not advanced out of the Education Committee and I suggest to those of you that we do not want to start this practice at this late date trying to put into a bill on Final Reading the mechanisms that we were unable to get out of committee or unable to get across this floor. I think the mechanisms that are in 930 are fair, they are well thought out, they have been debated at length and I would urge you to reject the DeCamp amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, Senator DeCamp's amendment is not a good amendment. I don't think Senator DeCamp really understands what is involved in the process of education and how they determine cost in a larger school district. When he talked about the problems that can arise, these excessive costs, he is talking about basically they have an option right now that they can join, a Class I can join a larger school district if they want to share the cost. They don't realize the extremely high cost of the high school system, what it costs for the buildings, the programs, etc., the comments about the Kearney Holiday Inn