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the E.S.U.'s knew what the Lincoln School System was doing. I will withdraw any objections that I have.

SPEAKER: All right. Let's go back to Senator Kelly who now has asked to speak next, then Burbach, then Syas, then Nore, then Waldron.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the body. I want to be sure that I understand as it will take the contents of L.B. 197 and apply this to educational service units throughout the State of Nebraska, is that the proposition before the house?

SPEAKER: Do you want the Clerk to read the amendment again, Senator Kelly?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes. So I'm, just so I'm sure what I'm doing.

SPEAKER: Read the Barnett amendment.

CLERK: The Barnett amendment would be (read).

SENATOR KELLY: If E.S.U. stands for Educational Service Unit and all of them in the State of Nebraska, I applaud loudly the including of those units in this 197 bill.

SPEAKER: Chair next recognizes Senator Burbach. We actually have the Barnett amendment before us, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Barnett a question and then I have a few comments I believe.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, will you yield to a question? Senator Burbach has a question.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Barnett, are the E.S.U.'s covered by a lease purchase arrangement for a period of years presently or not?

SENATOR BARNETT: I can't answer that.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Duis, would he yield to a question.

SPEAKER: Is Senator Duis in the Chamber?

SENATOR BURBACH: I think Senator Duis made mention of the fact that he introduced some legislation about E.S.U.'s and I know he didn't introduce the original legislation. Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. E.S.U.'s have a maximum on their mill levy limitation. If we provide a lease purchase, we will be confronted in the very near future to raise that mill levy that E.S.U.'s operate under. I'm mindful of the advantages of E.S.U.'s but I would certainly oppose this amendment to bring them under the same umbrella as we do our regular school districts. If they need these type arrangements, there should be other sources and I don't believe they should be brought under the umbrella of elementary education because there is no ceiling on theirs and they can provide ways of meeting their obligations.

SPEAKER: Chair next recognizes Senator Syas. We're still speaking on the Barnett amendment, Senator Syas, to L.B. 197.

SENATOR SYAS: Just one short comment. We had the E.S.U.'s in the Education Committee. The bill was killed so now they're putting the Bill that was killed on this bill. That's all.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow Members, I understand