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a monopoly, I want that Sidney for example be hundred percent supported by the state, if we are going to do it for Cozad. I want North Platte a hundred percent supported. I want McCook a hundred percent supported. I want all these other schools a hundred percent supported by the state, and if we wish to delineate an area there in the Cozad area which we have done in the educational service units, and build a new school in that area, that's fine with me, but I want this thing for the rest of the state that Senator Duis wants for Cozad and I think that my people deserve every bit as much as his people do. Now for example, let's just say we go ahead and build this building here costing five hundred thousand dollars, because they want sixty boys and girls there instead of thirty to thirty four, okay we build the building, now we are coming along with some other bills which are going to make it possible for the state to pay the transportation, so my boys and girls will go a greater distance to Cozad unless the state pays the extra transportation, just because my county then would not have to pay so much property tax in order to support the mentally retarded in it's own area, and I don't feel this is right I think it's being inefficient sofar as state Government is concerned. So I can't vote for this bill until, we see what is going to happen to this other bill, that I hope to introduce Monday, and I think this state should face up to the fact that there is a lot of school districts in the state that are not providing services for the mentally retarded. They are simply not doing it, they are turning these boys and girls down, they are turning these parents down, and this bill I hope to introduce Monday would say that the educational service units shall educate these boys and girls, and we shall do it through out the whole state and not just in an area of around Cozad, and so I'm going to have to vote against this bill and try to get this other one introduced have it put in and then have an educational service unit there and if we want to build a new building there that's fine. Out at Cozad they have an old Church in which they are now holding these meetings for the boys and girls, the old parsonage is the one where a portion of the Children sleep, that's where the girls sleep, the boys sleep in the Church, over night, and they have poor facilities, whereas you go to North Platte they got a brand new building under the educational service unit program. They got an excellent program, it's going to be going on there. They should have the same thing at Cozad if that's the area where they would have the mentally retarded school, so the only thing I know to do, is to vote against this bill and then let's do it for the whole state, I'm very much in favor of it. I'm not against Senator Duis, I'm in favor of what Senator Duis is trying to do, but I don't want to have people from various parts of the state go and then have the state pay extra transportation costs. There is a bill in here that will increase the transportation costs such that the state will pay one hundred percent of the cost of transportation, why have these boys and girls traveling an extra hundred miles to Cozad when they just as well have a school closer. I can't see it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, and members of the legislature, I don't know, I guess that Senator Whitney doesn't know this but there are two youngsters there from Ogallala now, in spite of what he has up there, or they have in North Platte, we have children there from Ogallala, Lexington, Lewellen, Central City, Wood River, Kearney, Axtell, Wauneta, Cambridge, I can go on, they are from all over the state of Nebraska. This