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everybody the same opportunity. I'm hoping in the future that all our school districts will participate in part of the charges so that they will have a definite imput as to the abuse, if there is an abuse, and I'm certainly confident that these parents are not going to abuse this law. I hope we stay with the same transportation that we're using, that they have an opportunity to transport an neighbor, but anyone within a radius of the same transportation in that we will cooperate 100%, and I'm confident that the people will do that, whether it be city or rural. So I feel that Senator Skarda has a real good question. I think all of us have that in the back of our mind. If that's abused, let's come in next year. We're trying to implement 403 with the guidelines to do what we feel is necessary for all the children in the State of Nebraska. Everyone should be treated equal. I don't care if he's 400 miles, if the parent must take him in the fall, take him home again for Christmas, take him in the spring, and it costs that extra, if they have a shortage of fuel, and they shut down the school, the parent should be entitled to take that youngster home. I don't think this is going to be abused, or I certainly would be one which you should understand would not fight so strongly for it. So I'm hoping that you go ahead and pass this bill. Give it a chance to work. The total sum is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 increase of about \$150,000 over the cost that we have..felt that was legitimate in transporting these children before. So we really have about a \$150,000 increase over last year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, we're speaking on the Barnett amendment only.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I'm just a little bit dubious this particular amendment we have before us now, but I'm willing to take a calculated risk, and I'm hoping that probably a year from now we can tell what's going to happen. And again I would like to insist we are now spending 300 and thirty thousand for this transportation. It would be about 170,000 extra, not a half million extra, but 170,00 we are already spending 330,000. So I'm going to go along with the amendment with the idea we are taking a calculated risk and see how it works out.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Is there any further discussion of the Barnett amendment. Any further discussion. Senator Barnett do you want to close on your amendment. Senator Barnett has no closing. The question is then shall the Barnett amendment be adopted. All those in favor please say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it. So ordered. The Barnett amendment is adopted. Are there further amendments.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Senator Snyder, what is your pleasure then.

SENATOR SNYDER: Gee, I don't know. Mr. President and members of the body. I thank you for your attention to this bill and it is very important. I thank the other members of the body who have worked on this, but everyone is satisfied. I hope the end product is as most of us believe now, the best possible legislation we can have. So with that I would hope that we would LB 92 as amended amended to E & R Initial.

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