

cost to such family for such service?

SENATOR SIMON: Well, Senator Lamb, let me first say that I understand that this is a very controversial...or could be a controversial issue, and that's why it's permissive. I did not want to mandate to any school district that they do this. The school district makes that determination. We put it... what you're...I'm sure you're referring to is Line 5 through 7. Am I correct? However, the total payment to any family which contracts shall not exceed the actual cost. That's what you're talking about, correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Correct.

SENATOR SIMON: Okay, the school district makes that determination. That amendment...that part of the amendment was offered again by Superintendent White, who had done some calculations and in some cases a family who would not live very far past the four mile limit, say four point two miles, and who had a number of children could actually receive more money than their total cost was. So, the school district would make this determination. The school district is the one that makes the reimbursements anyway.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, it seems to me that since this is a substantial amendment here that we should consider it very carefully. I don't believe a two-minute discussion on the floor is adequate for that, and for those reasons I am apprehensive about it. I suggest that, either the bill should be laid over, or we should not bring it back for this amendment, because I'm not...I'm not just sure how this is going to affect many of the school districts that we represent out in the open part of the state.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would just remind you that we are not going to be debating the amendment at this point. This is only the motion to return for the purpose of the amendment, and that amendment will be debated later on. So it is to remind you of that. The Chair recognizes Senator Koch and then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Simon's position. It is unique, and if we bring this bill back for this specific amendment, I'll add the amendment, to make it exclusive only to Class 3 schools, which should then take care of Senator Lamb's concerns, because primarily he deals only with Class 6s. This is somewhat unique, but in our end of the state, I think that the problem is prevalent, and this allows the Board of Education