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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR SIMON: Move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now the motion is to readvance...

SENATOR SIMON: Readvance the bill to...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Readvance the bill to E & R for engrossment and, Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, Senator Simon, I am reading the back of the fiscal note prepared by the Department of Education, Mr. Vontz, whom I believe is the expert on state aid and he states in there that were this bill in effect this year, Millard would have received an additional \$27,000. Now my recollection of the state aid program is, that it is not quite fully funded and that when the funds we do have are short, then funds to all schools are prorated. So if your school picks up \$27,000 worth of funds, the rest of the school districts, somewhere, are going to be prorated out of \$27,000. Additionally I have concern in that you are permitting transportation of high school students and the effect on that statewide, not just with Millard, concerns me. I don't know what the extent of that juxtaposition of so-called state aid funds, let me say state tax funds will be. But there are going to be school districts even under this bill who will have less funds due to the passage of this bill than they would have today. Your school district will benefit. Your school district supposedly has a problem and I am in complete empathy with school districts that have problems. My school district has a problem. I would not like to see it shorted any further than it is and for all I know, under this provision to transport high school students, maybe my district is going to become a bloomer and somebody else's district is going to be short even more funds, but I think I would have to go with Mr. Vontz's statement, that this will, in fact, affect the distribution of state aid funds.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Simon, I would have a question for you, please, if you would please respond.

SENATOR SIMON: If we are talking about the amendments I will be happy to discuss them. If we are talking about the bill as Senator Murphy is doing, I suggest you talk