

examples of exorbitant costs and prices associated with that but this is not the time to accept this amendment and Senator Warner was absolutely correct because now if you accept this it is only those who here are voting to adopt this amendment and not twenty-five and I will reiterate my previous statement. The Education Committee in good conscience will look at tuition fees and offer to this body a suggestion in the forthcoming session in 1981, therefore, I hope we do not adopt Senator Murphy's amendment.

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Senator Murphy, do you want to close on your amendment?

**SENATOR MURPHY:** Well I am a little confused at the concern about removing local control because as near as I can tell this bill is probably the biggest dictate to local school districts that this body will look at this year. It mandates not only numerous situations relating to local control but threatens if you do not conform to the directives of the Department of Education that you may not get any of this money. So tell me about local control as relates to this amendment. It is interesting but I maintain this. The statute that I refer to provides not only 130% of cost but it provides an override of 3% for capital. I think it is interesting, the point Senator Koch made that years ago the schools used to offer to educate children at less than their cost because the same factor that applies then applies today. A larger school can operate on a more effective per student cost. If we build a school that will house two hundred students it is not a bit more expensive to have two hundred in there than it is a hundred and fifty. The utilities are the same. The light costs are the same. The teachers' salary on a per pupil basis go down with every student you add but I do feel that the tuition proposition has been badly abused. I have been here eight years and I have argued this issue I think every year. I do not doubt Senator Koch's sincerity when he says "maybe next year they will address this issue." I have been waiting eight years to see it addressed and I think it is entirely appropriate where we are dealing with a bill that makes specific reference to crediting not a hundred and thirty. I've got a bunch of price cutters on my hand. They are going to do it at 125%. I move the adoption of the amendment and in all fairness to school districts I think this amendment should be adopted and it is in no way going to impose a hardship on anyone. What it will do is relieve a very unfair hardship in many cases. I move the adoption of the amendment.