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amount of tuition that can be charged by the district is higher under the formula than is currently being charged, the top amount is higher, and in many cases, the bottom amount which can be charged is also higher than they are currently charging. So I think this formula is unworkable. I don't think it will work. It is going to throw this whole situation into chaos. I hope that all of you will carefully consider this and will not just blindly advance and adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Burrows. Senator Cope. Senator Wagner. Senator Burrows, did you want to talk on the bill? Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Clark, members of the Legislature, I am going to support the committee amendments. It is true that the situation will not be what we would like to have but I don't know what we can do to make it like everybody wants it. It is a difficult problem. We have a lot of schools whose money is being held up in court. It is a very important issue for some of these schools that are in court on this tuition money. The Class I schools have challenged the present rates that they are charging. There is a great variation from various schools which I think is not a very good situation. This difference will probably even be wider under this formula but I think we have to address this problem and at least this is a new approach. There may have to be some amendments on it as we go along but I would encourage that we adopt the amendments so that we move this bill along because it is something that needs to be addressed at this session of the Legislature. I urge you to support it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Remmers.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: How did we get into this problem? I mean you mentioned about some of these cases being in the courts, is this because some of the schools are charging too much tuition?

SENATOR REMMERS: Well, I don't know what too much is. I can't justify the fact that the tuition rates presently vary from \$3,000 to \$10,400 for one student but we got into