

nonresident pupil, meaning the legal guardian of that pupil is not a resident of that district, then that school district has to charge full tuition to that student in order to attend school or be subject to a taxpayer's suit. And what happens as a result of that strict interpretation of that is that there have been a few instances where a young person, because of some other difficulties they may have had in their own home school district, even in other states, have come to this state to live with a sister or a brother or cousin or just a friend of the family who happen to be a resident in a school district in this state and a taxpayer in that school district, but yet we're faced with the prospect of having to pay a considerable amount in tuition. And even though they were under the mandatory tenants age, they wound up having to either pay the tuition or in fact drop out of school. There have been a few instances where those young people did, in fact, drop out of school. Some of them I think got their GED, others did not. And it just seems to me that we had ought to give more discretion to the local school board to be able to deal with this situation without fear of that taxpayer's suit and that is the purpose and the intent of LB 592. I'd be happy to answer any questions anybody might have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise, too, to support this bill. I had a constituent, parents, that live in Norfolk, Nebraska. They had a son back in the Navy in Virginia that had two children. The son and his wife got a divorce. He was left with the children. His wife had moved out, went down to Florida and with him being in the Navy it was practically impossible for him to keep those two children back there on the east coast. So the parents went back and got the children, brought them to Norfolk, Nebraska, and went to enter them in the Norfolk school system and found out that they would have to pay a tuition. They, in essence then, their daughter lives there and so then she proceeded to get guardianship of those children so they could get away from paying the tuition at the Norfolk school which was about \$700.00 apiece. So I called the Norfolk School Board and did get them to hold up the check at that time until they got the guardianship of those children. And under the current law Norfolk School District felt they had no alternative but to charge tuition for those children even though the father was a legal resident of the