

kind of thing happen with Crawford with school districts rushing to Harrison, which also happens to be a Class VI. I would assume that anywhere in the state you have a Class VI district, there might be a rush in that direction. I guess my purpose in trying to push this date up a little bit is to encourage the folks out there who will be most affected by this not to make hasty judgments and to sit back and work with us on the study commission and not make some fast move to enter a district because I think that would have devastating effects on those small communities like Crawford, like Rushville, and I suppose some of the rest of you that have a similar situation might also see that happen. So I think it is a means of facilitating a little more rational transition, if you will, and a little less emotional response to this bill. There is also some confusion I think about that date and that is my attempt to clear that up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One more question if I may, Senator Scofield. If they get hardship status, if the family gets hardship status, what does that mean?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: That would mean...I think I can answer that best with an example.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I currently have a family that lives in southern Sioux County. They now send their children across the line into Scotts Bluff County. It has been suggested, for instance, that, well, maybe they have the option of freeholding. They live 90 miles from the only high school in the county. It is a Class VI high school. The only passable road I am told is 90 miles away so that is their reasoning for going into Scotts Bluff County. Scotts Bluff County has recently said that they don't think they get enough tuition payment out of Harrison to continue accepting those children and they want somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,000 more for those children to go to school over there. I am suggesting that that is a family that really doesn't have any very desirable options. Their home school district won't pick up that tab for them. So what we are telling that family is you have to leave the ranch, move to Scotts Bluff, establish another residence there in order to send your children to school because the school that you are supporting is too far away to send your children and they