

consistent I have traditionally introduced bills in the Education Committee that allowed a local option on the school boards whether or not to run school busing to different places, but as the amendment reads, I would have to say this is one of the poorest amendments I have seen and be costly for all school districts in the State of Nebraska. Not only it doesn't really address the four mile issue or the other issue but it could put a high burden of cost on school districts that shouldn't be there. I would urge this body to vote this one down very strongly and very fast.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, have to question the cost of this bill having served on the Education Committee and we, too, voted against Senator Pappas's bills time after time because of the cost of the obligating school district and I know the experience in my area, and it may not be true further west, invariably after that student gets 13 or 14 years old, you never see him riding the bus. He has either got to go early for basketball practice or maybe it is music or maybe it is track or grandma has got a toothache and I think that we are just obligating ourselves too much with the cost in this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I am going to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. It won't be necessary. I believe Senator Haberman was going to call the question. Senator Remmers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes, I would like to just make a few comments. One, read the rest of that section. It says it pertains to that section which it means...and it defines it only the elementary students. I am not talking about 14 year olds that are going to be going out for basketball or track. I purposely left those out. We are talking about cost. Whose cost are we talking about? Can the parent living 15, 20 miles from school take that child to school cheaper than the district can provide a school bus for people that they are picking up? Can a parent who is trying to hold a job take off at eight o'clock in the morning and take that kid to school, break in the middle of the