

afternoon. There are 45 students of the fifth grade, of the Edison School and Lincoln Schools in York County and their teacher. Would you folks please rise. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak any further about the bill before we go on with other amendments? Okay, we'll take up other amendments at this time then.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend the bill and that amendment is printed on page 1475 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: If I'm not inconveniencing my good friend Senator Haberman here...

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's all right, go ahead.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Mr. President and members, I support the essence of the bill, the concept. The concept of the bill is very simple and it is this, that a student from a particular type of school district, if that student goes to a high school in another school district, would pay for his education based upon what it cost the other school district to provide that education. That makes eminent sense. That's the essence of the bill. My amendment does this. The proposal offered by Senator Lamb says that the amount that would be paid by one school district to another is 150 percent, in other words, one and one-half times the amount it actually costs to provide that education. My amendment changes that 150 percent to 100 percent. There are two major reasons for doing this. Reason number one I believe unless you do this, the bill is unconstitutional. In other words, if you adopt the system, the premise, if you adopt the system that school district A is going to pay school district B for the cost of education, then that's what you should pay, the cost of education, 100 percent. But if you decide 125 percent or 150 percent or 200 percent or 1000 percent, then that's not realistic. That's artificial. School districts are not in the business of being a business. They are not a profit-making business. They are in the business of providing education and if you determine you want to have this system, which at least at this point in time I do support, then make it exactly what it is supposed to be, A paying the actual cost of that