

education to B. Now if you don't want a system where A can go to B's school that's another story, but if you adopt the premise that this is the correct system, and I support that premise, at least at this point, then the cost should be 100 percent. The second reason is very simple, fairness. Why should it be 150 percent as opposed to 125 or as opposed to 175 or as opposed to 200? So I say two reasons for the amendment, one constitutional. I believe a similar law was thrown out as unconstitutional, oh, I don't know, 1965 or something, and so I would submit that if we go to this system and I support doing that, then we do it on the basis of actual cost, nothing artificial. I ask you to support the amendment and I know there aren't any votes to do that, but you should.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have some lights on. Do you any of you wish to speak on the DeCamp amendment? Go ahead, Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I suppose to the surprise of Senator DeCamp he is going to have at least two votes for his amendment because I'm going to vote for his amendment. I think that the current system of free high tuition which does provide for a formula, but which clearly allows high school districts to charge very large sums of money to the point that, to the point that it becomes extraordinarily distressing to the taxpayers of the sending district and hard to justify to the taxpayers of sending district. It needs to be changed. Senator Lamb has passed a chart out which is on each one of our desks. I can guarantee you, if I was living in Madison County, if I was a taxpayer in a Class I school district and if I learned that the average charge of the school in Norfolk or Madison or wherever it is for my child was \$46,852.29, I'd go through the roof. I'd say that is absolutely outrageous, that's absolutely unfair, that's unconscionable and that needs to be changed. Or if I was living in Merrick County in a Class I district and discovered that the charge for the one student there going into a high school was \$35,000, which it appears to be, I'd be infuriated because I would know that that figure has no reasonable relationship to anything approaching the costs inherent in educating that one child. Or if I was living in the Class I district in Nuckolls County and discovered that the average cost per Class I student going to a high school in Nuckolls County was \$31,259.42, I would think that I was