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LB 960, 1126

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the advancement of the bill? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Am I closing, Mr. President?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir, you are.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, just to try to clarify further if there are any questions about it. We are not doing great things with this bill in its present form. Under the present formula you use, for instance you use the average of the last five years as far as the number of nonresident students. Now under this version of the bill, under the Withem amendment, we will be using last year's numbers. So I think that is probably in most cases more equitable because we have situations in the state where the nonresident tuition population is going down, and when you use a five-year average, the receiving district then gets a windfall because they are serving less pupils than they were five years ago. On the other hand, we have some areas, and I think Scottsbluff may be one of them, where the area around in those Class I districts is gaining population and so you have more nonresident students attending some of the receiving districts, so in those cases, some of them get down below per pupil cost if you figure it that way because it is a lump sum and it is calculated by the Department of Education. And so using a five-year average, they are not getting paid for as many students as they are educating. So there are several little clean-up things, and as I said before, I would ask that the bill be advanced. However, I reserve the right to modify or withdraw support after we see what the printouts do. I would move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. I believe we will take LB 960 instead of 990 inasmuch as it is a simple bill and will not take too long. I believe that 990 is a little more complicated. So with that, we will move on to 960 and wind it up with that today.