

attended District 66 schools, they've paid the tuition, and they just want the same opportunity that they would have if they happened to live in any other school district in the State of Nebraska. And, therefore, I think it's a fair amendment. And we can argue what is fair, and what is not fair, but I think for these 11 families who are sitting up there in Omaha and say, if I lived anywhere else, if I lived a couple blocks away I'd be treated differently, it's a fair thing to do, it's a finite group of people, it does not open it up to any other type of transfers, and as a matter of fact, District 66 is no longer...has implemented a new policy that says they're no longer accepting tuition students, so there won't even be a problem with new families coming in and paying tuition and trying to opt in. So I think we ought to move on: I think 207 ought to move on to Final Reading, and returning it is just going to bog us down into a question of what's fair in Lincoln is not fair in Omaha. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Lynch, followed by Senators Robinson and Chambers. Senator Lynch.

**SENATOR LYNCH:** Madam Chairman and members, I guess I'm old enough to remember when this all took place. And when it took place there was a senator here in Lincoln, by the name of...what was his name...I'm not old enough to remember that, but I'm old enough to forget it, that's right. (Laughter.) But I have to tell you that what was interesting is that the issue was raised at the time, because as then, as now, we have about 15 school districts in Douglas County. And so let's talk about, when we talk about being fair, talk about two categories of people, the people that stayed in School District Number 1 and, maybe for the right reasons or the wrong reasons, wanted their kids to go to Westside, as compared to those folks who could afford to move away from it and moved to Westside, or moved to Ralston, and just got away from it altogether. So those people that could move away from the desegregation plan in Douglas County did it. And you're letting those people, then under 207 as it's now written, get away with it. So the issue really isn't one of integrity as it applies to desegregation, or the purity of the bill at all. But you're going to permit people, who could afford to move away from the desegregation plan in Douglas County into another school district in Douglas County, transfer their kids anywhere they want to without having to pay. Now Senator Horgan didn't mention that, but we should talk about that. You know I mentioned once that we ought to have one