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do that either. That is not the intention of 662. It is for exactly that reason that I am willing to support the amendment that Howard Lamb has offered today and I will vote for it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Shirley Marsh. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Lamb's amendment. I think it is very important that this Legislature know that the proponents of LB 662 do not desire, in any way, to impact negatively on the current educational program of children in Class I school districts, and, in fact, have done everything, we have done everything within our power to draft provisions to LB 662 which, number one, allows the continuation of a school facility for the children in a reorganized Class I school district, with such facility to be continued until such time as the voters themselves in that old area decide to close that facility if they ever make that decision. And, secondly, Senator Lamb has come up with a very fine change which simply says that the people who reside in that old district will have the right to go to court and sue the school board in the event the school board of the reorganized district decides to begin to deprive that old attendance center, that old school of the very amenities that that old school used to have, deserved and the children required. Now what we are doing is we are building every possible protection we can into the law to make certain that the educational efforts will continue unabated, that schools will remain open, unless closed by popular opinion of the folk affected by such school closing, that the only real change that will arise is the change of structure, taxation and finance. We urge your wholehearted support of Senator Lamb's fine amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I certainly have no objection to the amendment but I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question. The question is, could you explain a little more fully, a little more in detail what you mean by "reasonable educational opportunities" that are supposed to be provided?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator DeCamp, I think you know as