

CLERK: Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill, Mr. President. (The Lamb amendment appears on page 1158 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, this is what the amendment does. If you want to look at your bill, it's on page 8 and 9. It would remove all the new language on pages 8 and 9. And what does that do? That would not require all the people to vote as one unit to approve this plan. That would let the Class Is vote separately from the Class IIIs in whether or not to approve this plan which is brought to the voters by the reorganization committee which, under the committee amendment, will be controlled by the big schools. So, the change in this bill from the present procedure is that, as Senator Withem explained, that, under the present procedure, each class of school district decides whether they like this plan or not. They decide. But under this bill, as it stands, they are going to vote all together as one unit, Class Is, Class IIs, Class IIIs, will vote all together as one unit. And who has the population? You know, the big schools have the population so they are going to...they are going to dominate. They are going to dominate against the will of everybody else. The big schools can do it. It's just kind of like if Iowa says, we want to combine with Nebraska. We want to combine with Nebraska and we are going to vote on it. You vote and we will all vote together in one pot and they have more population than we do so it is going to be a fact. I just can't get that across to the people, not even the press. Some of the press members, five minutes ago, didn't understand what the problem was. I'm not doing a good job. I am sorry, I'm not doing a good job. Senator Korshoj agrees with me, so that means it's true. That means it's true. See, what this is is...this is involuntary consolidation. See, it's not the state that's forcing it. It is the neighboring big school district that will have control over both the reorganization committee and the voting procedure when it comes before the vote of all the people. Now, you know, I support some parts of the bill, the part that says that 50 percent, just over 50 percent of the people in a district can decide to reorganize, to combine with another district. That's fine. We shouldn't have to have 60 percent of the people decide that, just over a majority. A majority is enough. I support that. That's voluntary. That's voluntary in that district. But to say that the Class III, just because they have more