

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Lamb, a moment. (Gavel.) Could we hold it down please so we can hear the speaker. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. Mr. President and members, we have discussed this bill a couple times before, LB 444, and the committee amendments were adopted which changed the makeup somewhat of the county reorganization committee. I don't like that, but that is not as bad as the last two pages of the bill which I have explained before and I think we probably need to retrace a little bit of ground here and indicate what this would do. The bill itself in those last two pages would, when this plan, this reorganization plan comes before the people for a vote of the voters of that proposed reorganization area, under present law each class of school district will vote separately in order to determine whether or not they want to adopt this plan. If they don't want to, if one class of school district does not want to adopt it, then they don't have to join in. Now the problem with the bill, the problem with the bill is that all people in this plan, all classes of districts vote as one unit. So if the most populous class of districts wants this plan, then it automatically goes in force because they outvote the other people. Now some people are saying one man, one vote, that is the way it should be. But in actuality, what it does is say, big brother can force little brother to do exactly what he wants to do and I say that is not fair, that is not fair. So the amendment that we are discussing at this time would merely strike language on the last two pages and I circulated a few moments ago this legal-size piece of paper with my name up in the corner, says, 444, School Reorganization. This is what it does. You'll see right here I reinstate the stricken language on this sheet of paper. Anybody listening? No.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Lamb. (Gavel.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Withem is listening. I am pleased that Senator Withem is listening, I think.

PRESIDENT: Please hold your conversation down.

SENATOR LAMB: These other senators are listening too. I appreciate that. So, on this sheet all my amendment does is reinstate the language on the last two pages as indicated on this sheet so that we have the same voting procedure we've had before. I think it's fair. Now I have also circulated another