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SENATOR NICHOL: I'd like to ask Senator Kelly two questions please. The first one is, can class 6 districts annex areas anytime?

SENATOR KELLY: Can a class 6 annex territories? No, I believe that a class 6 is organized according to the class 1 districts that are involved in that. Now whether they can annex them, or whether they do it by petition, I don't know which it is, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: But they can add areas to their district anytime they want to after they are formed? Is that right?

SENATOR KELLY: That's correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: OK. Second question is, what are the advantages that a class 6 school district has over a class 3 district?

SENATOR KELLY: We just got better evidence, that is that they cannot, class 6, cannot annex class 1, but it can take it in by petition, by permission of the class 1 district.

SENATOR NICHOL: That's the only way they can grow?

SENATOR KELLY: That's what Senator Dickinson says and I accept that.

SENATOR NICHOL: OK. But they can grow by petition, is that correct?

SENATOR KELLY: That's correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: OK, then the second question is, what are the advantages that a class 6 has over a class 3? In other words, if they can become a class 3, why do they want to remain a class 6 instead of becoming a class 3?

SENATOR KELLY: The geographical territory that's covered by the class 6 is always very large. If they go to a class 3 district they're going to pick up, right off the bat, transportation problems for all of those children that are over four miles from school. Also they've got to have attendance centers throughout that district. As they would reorganize those their capital construction goes sky high along with the transportation problem. They're in two areas, capital construction and transportation, when they're a class 3 district.

SENATOR NICHOL: That's their main advantage and reasons for remaining class 6 districts? Is that right?

SENATOR KELLY: That's correct. Because then the population ... student population centers in class 1 districts come under different rules than they would if they were population centers of a class 3.