

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment, the Newell amendment. Do you wish to speak to the bill?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I was going to speak to the bill, not the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do have a little reservation in supporting Senator Newell's amendment and I am sympathetic with what Senator Koch is attempting to accomplish for these people in his legislative district but I think that Senator Landis very well articulated the difficulties that we might have in taking a tested and true law, in making an alteration in one case as an exception. Now I would like to ask of Senator Koch if he would respond to a simple question.

SENATOR KOCH: I will.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Koch, was consideration given since there are extenuating circumstances in this particular case to writing the language in the law to specifically allow this SID to accomplish their purpose?

SENATOR KOCH: Would you repeat that, Senator Stoney? I didn't get it all.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Koch, the question I am asking is, was consideration given to providing in the language of this bill the SID to accomplish their purpose so that we wouldn't affect in totality the law which I feel is a good one, a right one and a just one?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, and that is the reason I accept Senator Newell's amendment because it does sunset itself and we are doing this particularly for a very unique SID, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Koch. There is only one additional reservation that I have with accepting Senator Newell's amendment, that being should there be other SIDs where the same circumstances do not justify their having the ability to do this, taking advantage of this within the one year time frame that we are establishing with this particular amendment. Perhaps I could visit with both Senators Newell and Koch and more definitive language could be adopted to provide in this particular case these individuals that wish to make this change in the SID and still protect the intent of this particular statute. Thank you.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, may I respond to Senator Stoney?