

for girls than I am. I guess I was of the opinion that the schools are doing a pretty good job and I hope they will continue to do it. And my objection to the bill originally was the fact that I thought it was unnecessary legislation but maybe I am a little naive, maybe there are boards that would not give the girls an equal opportunity. In regard to this amendment, I would like to just say this, that I hear a lot of comments from school boards and school men that if the state requires to do certain things that they should fund it. Well, we could carry that to quite an extreme. I believe the statutes say that the school districts are supposed to furnish education from grades five through twenty-one, so if we stretch that concept we could just say the state should take over the financing of the whole system. I don't really think this amendment is necessary. In fact I think it could create some mischief and I just hesitate to speak against Senator Peterson's amendment because I know his intentions are in the right direction but I feel this amendment would do more mischief than it could help and I believe the bill should be moved along without the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to speak briefly to Senator Howard Peterson's amendment. Many of you know that I have introduced several bills over the last couple of years that would do something like this. What it says is that whenever the Legislature mandates new or expanded programs to local government, then we would have to pick up the tab, and my intent of a bill like this was to slow this body down from mandating many different programs for these local governments to implement. It seemed like when I go home on weekends or during the interim, there is a lot of these governing board members come and talk to me and they say, well, how are we going to implement this program or that program, that new program or that expanded program when we are under the seven percent lid or the people want us to keep property taxes down. If you want us to implement these new programs or expanded programs, we need some more dollars to do this and I think this is what Senator Peterson is trying to do with this bill. I realize that at the present time there is no fiscal impact on this bill but there could be and I think this is what Senator Peterson is trying to accomplish. He is trying to alert this body that there could be a fiscal impact and that is why I think we need to take a real close look to it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the