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CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Vickers, Remmers and Lamb would move to amend the Koch amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers on the Vickers-Remmers-Lamb amendment to the Koch amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment... I apologize, it's not in the...wait a minute, which portion of the amendment are we on, Pat?

CLERK: Senator, we are dealing with an amendment that you are offering to Senator Koch's Request 2772, the one that is in the Journal on page 1100.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, this is not the amendment that we already had in the Journal...that I already had in the Journal?

CLERK: No, sir, this one is not in the Journal, Senator, yours is not.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. Yes, I am having the amendment passed around right now. I apologize for not having it in the Journal but it makes a change in the definition as Senator Koch pointed out. The amendment that he is offering attempts to define best educative interests and I just felt that that definition was a little bit too broad. Since the State Board of Education is the one that is going to be making this determination, and since it will be freeholding petitions from one accredited district to another accredited district, both districts having met the State Board of Education's definition, own definition of quality or own definition of best educative interests, it seemed to me that what we should do is define best educative interests as being a difference in that accreditation and not anything more than that since the State Board of Education Department itself does not require other different qualities. Now that is, I know, narrowing down much tighter than probably Senator Koch would like to do, but it is my contention that district boundaries should have a considerable amount of integrity and that a district that is doing its best to meet the quality guidelines of the State Board of Education should not have freeholding petitions out of their district done very lightly. So it is with that reason that I offer, and Senator Lamb and Senator Remmers, offer this amendment to the Koch amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support