

Senator Beutler. We're trying to put the bill back in shape that the committee brought it out in after long and tedious study. We haven't discussed 208 near as much as we have 127 over little surveyors paper where we were going to reposit. So I ask you to adopt the Beutler-Koch amendment. Senator Beutler, will finish it up.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, you may finish the closing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If I could just make a couple of quick points, Mr. Speaker. This amendment has nothing to do with school consolidation. In fact, I would argue to you that if you give the parents within a district a little more flexibility, that basically what you are doing is defusing any feeling there might be within districts for consolidation, that, in fact, it's an anticonsolidation bill because you are allowing them to express their frustrations and solve their own individual problems a little bit better when they feel there is a substantial difference between the educational qualities, the educational offerings of contiguous schools. So that is a complete red herring and, in fact, it has the opposite effect. Secondly, the educational interests of the remaining children in the school was mentioned and I would suggest to you that the administrators of a particular school will pay a little more attention to how well they are doing with their children if they know that there is some flexibility there for the parents to transfer the student to another school, that in fact, it will have the beneficial effect of improving the education for the remaining children because the school will not want to lose more children. So I can see nothing but beneficial effects from building into the statute, a little more flexibility for these trapped children and these trapped parents who have no other alternative, absolutely no other alternative. It does not wipe out completely the Vickers-Remmers amendment which went on by the way on Select File. This is the first opportunity we've had to address it. It does not wipe it out completely. It moves back to some place, to a compromise position about halfway between what the bill originally was...

PRESIDENT: Time is about up, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and where the Vickers-Remmers amendment took it on Select File. So I think it is a reasonable compromise and I would ask your approval.

PRESIDENT: The motion then is the Koch-Beutler motion to return LB 208. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I remind you that we are on Final Reading so everyone should be at your desks. There are two excused, Senator Koch, so that you know. Otherwise everyone else is here, or should be. Have you all voted? Senator Koch.