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committee, that what he proposed to do that prior to time of annexing any area the whole VI gets to vote for it. In the case of Columbus and Grand Island and Hastings those cities are surrounded by a VI who they contract for their Class I students that come there for a high school education, Grades 9 through 12. Now if that is fair when you allow a whole VI to vote whether or not they will or will not send their children to one or the other, you know what the score is going to be. It is no sense in going to vote because it is going to be, stay where you are, because we well know there are certain tax benefits for that kind of a situation. Mr. Siefkes and myself and others worked diligently with the parties involved trying to arrive at what we thought was a fair and equitable way to resolve this problem. The conditions were these. Once we arrived at a formula which I thought might be somewhat fair, that all parties had to agree, in this case it had to be the three Class VI schools and the three Class IIIs, the superintendents and their board members. That issue was never resolved. So for us to bring this piece of legislation here is not at this time healthy for either the IIIs or the VIs. We all know that under cities we give them certain annexation privileges and they can annex and so the subject matter is indeed very critical, and I am hopeful that if I serve here again and have any part to do with Education, that some way or other we can resolve this issue so those systems can survive with some degree of fairness in terms of tax values and student bodies. And as Senator Beutler said a moment ago, the issue is not that critical, and I think this body would be wise to let it lie for another year and see whether or not these schools in terms of high professionalism, good board policy making people, will not be able to resolve that with some degree of equity as it affects the schools involved, because if the Class IIIs are surrounded and they are, and they have no place to go, you are virtually strangling them and the VIs I know they have some problems that I share some of their concerns. They were created by this body a number of years ago, but the point is for us to add this amendment to 933 today is I think very poor policy. I object to the suspension of the rules for this purpose.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Kremer's motion, and the issue is not as complicated as some people would like to make you think. The issue actually is very simple. Should or should not school district boundaries follow the city boundaries? We have all kinds of examples where that does not happen, and one of the few places where that does happen under our laws is in this