

that really follow educational issues, the whole concept of what a Class VI school is doesn't mean a whole lot, quite simply. And they say Class VI, unfortunately, when they say Class VI, a lot of people say, well, those are those schools that some people...I'm not one of them, some people say those are those schools that are a tax dodge. Those are those schools that those rural people out there in the country won't go together and get a school of the right size to make a good...to offer a good educational program. Well, I'm not accusing any schools of doing that but I think it's fair to say that the 22 Class VI high schools in this state are certainly by no means a tax dodge. Those schools are there with a common sense approach to forming a high school system and serving some high school age children in the State of Nebraska. Well, the reason I have introduced this bill...I mean, this amendment today and trying to amend Senator Robak's LB 499E is that I introduced, actually introduced LB 694 a few weeks ago. And what so often happens with my bills that come before the Education Committee, right after I introduced the bill the Education Committee killed it. Well, for a variety of reasons, I will let members of the Education Committee explain their reasons for having a change of heart, so to speak. Members of the Education Committee decided that after they killed this bill, the next day they thought a little bit and maybe that bill was not such a bad idea. Well, my bill had already been...due to the great efficiency of Senator Withem and his staff, the bill had already been reported as killed at the floor. And one option was to try and amend a committee amendment to a bill but I actually prefer to do it straight up on the floor of the Legislature, the only bill I have before us this session that I could logically do that to without, you know, totally bypassing the system and trying to amend a bill that has nothing to do with Class VIs. Senator Robak's LB 499E is a bill that actually deals with Class VI schools. Well, you know, really what I'm talking about if you read around the rotunda yesterday that Jim Joyce and others, you know, they talked about...and Senator Bernard-Stevens' quote was that I'm sure that a proctologist would like to come in and get a name for a more positive image too. Well, I'm sure they might but this whole idea of changing names is obviously something new to this Legislature. Right now we have LB 160 that is in the Education Committee, changing Kearney State College to the University of Nebraska. People say that's just a name change but for a variety of reasons there is many of us that think it's more than that. Well, you know, 25 years ago we changed all the state colleges from state...Peru State Teacher College to state