

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore, for closing.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, once again I apologize taking up time on Final Reading. I want to make it clear that after the bill, LB 694, was killed, several members...some members of the Education Committee came to me, decided they had a change of heart and, as I said, the bill had already been killed and reported from committee, one option was to try and amend it on a committee amendment in committee. I, personally, would prefer to try and do it straight up or down here on the floor. And the easier way to do it may have been to do a committee amendment that many of you would have never ever found out about or listened to, probably. I think it was a better thing to do it on the floor and amend it and be up front saying this is a bill that was killed, from some people's point of view was killed by mistake. If it had not been for members of the Education Committee having a change of heart, I would have let the bill die a peaceful death but the fact of the matter is that I think it's a wise concept. Now, as I mentioned, I don't have a Class VI high school in my district. Now Senator Nelson does and Senator Smith does and Senator Lamb does and it's those people that this bill is...I'm introducing it for, is the Class VI people, the Class VI schools are the ones that are down here asking for this name change. You are absolutely right, we'll have Class I, II, III, IV, V and regional high school. Regional high schools will be referred to differently in statute. I think that's not entirely bad because they're different. They offer only high school courses. They're a different beast in a lot of ways and, obviously, they're different than Class II, III, IVs and Vs, but also they're much...they're, obviously, exactly the opposite of Class Is because Class Is are K through eight, or just elementary, and Class VIs are just high schools. And in every case in this state to date there are, indeed, regional high schools and I simply would like to refer to them in statute as such and, by having a statutory language of regional high schools as the future unfolds in this state, the whole concept of regional high schools through affiliation or whichever it may be I think is going to be a popular type of method. And, as we discuss that