

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, this is a Hooker County amendment. Hooker County amendment. You remember General Hooker that had those ladies following him around the countryside? This is the only county in the state that has one school district, one solid school district, just fits the boundaries of this county. So this changes the situation in regard to those situations where you have just one school district in the county. Instead of the state aid going to the county and then the county distributing among the various school districts in the county, that seems to be a very unwieldy sort of situation in Hooker County where there's only one school district in the county and no reason for that money not to go directly to the superintendent without going through the county. I've talked this over with Larry, Dr. Vontz, over at the Department of Education. He has no problem with the bill at all or with the amendment and so I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, discussion on the motion to return?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, just very simply two points. Number one, this is the Education Department's kind of omnibus clean-up bill for this year and Senator Lamb's amendment is an appropriate one to be added to this bill and I am supporting that. Secondly, if Senator Lynch were here, I would suggest to him, being as this deals with one county per school district, that it may become an appropriate vehicle then for him to add an amendment onto this bill also, but we'll watch and see if that happens. Senator Lamb's amendment is perfectly acceptable to this bill and should be added.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? Seeing none, shall the bill be returned? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is returned. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I would move the amendment, Mr. President.