

SENATOR ELMER: I want a little time left when you get done.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, I'll be very quickly then. Some people with Class I's who didn't particularly like...kind of liked the idea, didn't like it, said, we're going to pay that common levy, we want to have access, we want to have access if there's a music program in the city school district we want to have that music program. If there's an athletic program, we want to have that. So the committee amendments call for a sharing of the facilities. If they pay a levy to support some nicer program in one of the other Class I's or in the city district, then they get to utilize that particular district. Thank you for letting me make that point.

SENATOR ELMER: So, for example, if one Class I school board would decide well I'm going to offer this nice art program, then the other Class I over here is going to offer a nice music program, they could then share.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Or the same thing conversely. If this is the kind of thing we're trying to do, you know Senator Lynch makes a real good point. I understand our esteemed senator from Scottsbluff, Terry Carpenter, did suggest that we have one school district in the entire state and that we could achieve tax equity in that way. But we all realize that the bureaucracies involved in that would make it very difficult to make it work equitably for everyone. This is a step toward that solution. I still don't know which way I'm going to go on the Lamb amendment. But thanks for answering those questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I've had some calls on LB 259, and I know it's a little bit different now than the way it was introduced the first time, but I guess some of the Class I districts still have a lot of questions, and I certainly do, too. I don't know what I'm going to do on Senator Lamb's amendment. I think I'll probably support it, because it sounds reasonable to me. But I would like to ask Senator Withem a question. Senator Withem, do you have any printouts, district-by-district, on...say that we adopt...well, we have adopted the committee amendment. Do you have any printouts as the committee amendments now stand?