

worked a long time on this and he will no doubt comment on it. It was my understanding that Senator Withem would not disagree, that the committee did not intend to end the taxing autonomy of the Class I's which are a part of a Class VI district. In the second half of the amendment 3 in the committee bill, the affiliated districts are subject to the uniform affiliated tax levy. Each student from each school in the affiliated system would be able to use any of the facilities that are a part of the entire program because they are paying to support the entire program. Under this portion of the amendment, the second half of amendment 3, it states that those students who are not paying for some of the facilities would not be able to use them, so that would end that ability for them to use each others facilities because, in effect, the Class I's are not perhaps using or paying for the support of some of those other facilities or on a neighboring Class I facility. Amendment 4 and 5 would make the provision of transportation discretionary and that is the point that Senator Withem caught. The original amendment which we had drawn would have prohibited the system from providing for bus service in the Class VI's and the Class I districts. This allows them to decide whether or not they want to provide busing service and if so, they can do so. It's a discretionary part of the bill relative to busing. As you know, the nature of the Class I's and the Class IV's make it sometimes difficult to provide busing services in an efficient manner and so as a result this would leave that decision up to the schools themselves. Each could do as they so chose. I would prefer that you would not ask me any questions about this, but of course if you insist, I can't duck it and if I can answer them or not, but I am sure that Senator Withem and others who have discussed the bill can answer the technical questions you might have and I would make whatever attempt I can make to answer other questions that pertain to the amendment. If there are any questions, I would be glad to try to answer them. If not, I would move for the acceptance of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Schmit amendment, Senator Withem, Senator Moore on deck.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, I have 15 highly technical questions I'd like to ask Senator Schmit about this if I... (laughter) I would simply like to comment standing, there are two sections of the committee amendment. Part of, I think, the Legislature's commitment on this reorganization issue since it passed LB 662, even in 662 was a definition that a Class VI