

have a power to choose a teacher or determine a curriculum. On the other side of the ledger, tax equity has been brought about by saying there will be a common levy. In fact, the two interests have been completely separated, but the truth comes out, the truth comes out because the argument, in fact, may not have been that clean. In fact the argument may well have been all the time one of tax equity. Maybe the control wasn't the sum total of claim. Maybe that was not just the justification used for the Class I, because today, in fact, there is a guarantee of control. What is at risk is in fact this other interest, tax equity, and the measure seems to fail the long time proponents of Class I. Now, what do I suggest to you?

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: I...well, all right, I'm going to have to wait for that. I'll press my button again and see if I get a chance to talk.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I'd give a couple minutes of my time to Senator Landis to finish up, and then I'll take the last couple of minutes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I was one of the three introducers of LB 662. I am a longtime proponent of mandatory redistricting to secure tax equity. Some people, every now and then, ask me what my intentions and ambitions are in politics, and I'll tell you. My ambition in politics is to stay in this body longer than Jerry Warner, okay. (Laughter.) I don't want to run for another office. I don't want to move up or down the scale of politics, I want to stay in this body a long time, if my voters will send me back here. That's what I want to do. But I thought Howard Lamb made a fair and...position. He went out on a limb last year, and I was trying to respond to that. I'm going to go out on the limb this year. I am one of the guys, the only one who stays in this body, by the way, who introduced a mandatory reorganization bill. It's my intention to be here for as long as I can. It's my intention to die with my boots on some place in that aisle. Okay. If LB 259 passes, with the committee amendments, without the Lamb amendment, separating control from