

III's and obviously the IV's and the V's, they have to pay for that big, expensive high school, and those little Class I's, they get away, they get out from underneath paying that. Senator Lamb has always said that, hey, we pay nonresident tuition, we could pay for it. I don't think that's fair. I think the Supreme Court has agreed with that, that's gone. But the fact of the matter is if you do adopt the Lamb amendment you solve that argument because now the Class I's pay their fair share, as far as tax levy, for a high school. I think that's fair. Now, it's just which side of the coin you want to compromise in, how far do you want to drive the stake? I guess I think if you don't adopt the Lamb amendment you arguably drive the stake too far, and you really have a better, straightforward school consolidation bill, but you try and be nice about it. Well I think you probably shouldn't, why bother to be nice about it, why don't you do what Senator Wesely wants to do and we just close them. But Senator Withem is right, he's right because we don't...you still control your destiny, you still have your school open. I guess the fact of the matter is, in my opinion, I'm going to support Senator Lamb's amendment. I think even if you adopt the Lamb amendment you still have a giant step forward with LB 259. The body has done a good job. Senator Withem, with a lot of work, has done a good job, but he doesn't kill them. I don't want to do that, I guess. I think the Class I that manages their budget, will set their own levy for the school they operate and they will share an equal cost in the high school, in my opinion that's fair. So, for those reasons, I ask the body to support the Lamb amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, I thought maybe I'd be closing now. But I'll just make a couple of remarks. One of them in regard to Senator Withem's statement that the people that supported the bill did realize they were also supporting the committee amendment. I just have to say that one of the persons listed on the committee statement has told me otherwise. Now you can take it from there. I...I'm not misstating the facts as I have gotten them. The other point I'd like to make is Senator Landis is here, and I'm glad to see he's still here, because as he was speaking, and you know he does that very eloquently, I thought about the...he talked about control. And so then my thoughts went what is the definition of control. And it's really in many cases is money. I think it's