

Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Hartnett, would you record your presence, please. Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer. We're all here now, except those two that are excused. And the question is the adoption of the Lamb amendment. Roll call vote has been requested in the regular order. Would you hold it down so the Clerk can hear your response, please. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 393-94 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is not adopted. Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Schellpeper. (Schellpeper amendment appears on page 394 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment has to deal with the indebtedness, and it just says that...I think it's been passed out to you, and it says that it does not go to the Class I. So I think that it's very...it speaks for itself. It's just that the indebtedness stays with the high school, it does not go to the Class I.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, this is one I'm not going to speak strongly one way or the other on, just give you arguments on both sides of it and let you make up your own mind. The reason bonded indebtedness is in the bill is because the rationale is that the Class I's will be using the facilities of the high school district, that is they're going to be using the high school building, and the high school portion of the bonded indebtedness, they should share in it when they come in and affiliate. On the other hand the argument is that they didn't have any say on whether those old obligations would be incurred or not, and it's not fair for them to incur on those. I'm probably just going to sit here and not vote on this when there are arguments, as I say, on both sides of the issue. As I understand the current practice is that when you come in you don't necessarily...you keep whatever bonded indebtedness you had on your property prior to the merger, but you don't incur any that was preexisting. So make up your own mind on what you