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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. Question of Senator Schellpeper, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: In your opening it wasn't quite clear, this would apply only to previous bonded indebtedness...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Definitely, yes, just previous indebtedness.

SENATOR ELMER: ...and not something that would be incurred by the affiliated district later.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, no, just previous indebtedness.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. Thank you very much. That's all I had.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, I would stand in support of Senator Schellpeper's amendment. I think for people to be involved with reorganization or affiliation they need to come in with a clean playing field. I think that if you have a school or two schools in an area that are vying for Class I districts, one of them has a bonded indebtedness and the other one does not, it provides an uneven playing field for those Class I schools that have to make that decision, which place they're going. It appears to me that if that Class I school would like to enter a school district that has a bonded indebtedness and wants to make that decision to support that bonded indebtedness, then they should have that opportunity. But they shouldn't be obligated to it. And LB 259, at this point, calls for an obligation for those Class I districts to assume that bonded indebtedness if they affiliate. So with Senator Schellpeper's amendment the affiliation can take place, as I understand the amendment, the affiliation can take place without or at the choice of the Class I school to assume that bonded indebtedness. Thank you.