

considered was just having the blended levy but not have any of this information in it. And this was suggested to me by some Class I people that if they're going to be paying for...the same tax levy then they ought to be able to have some of these services, I think a band and physical education and some of those types of things made available to them. I think the need for this amendment at this point is, first of all, to clarify that, and, secondly, I think the real intent of it is to deal with some of those Class I's that are way, way out a great distance away from the high school district. Most of them, if they are up close and they want to participate in a band program, be very easy for them to just go into the school and participate in that. Some of those that are far outlying districts, it's not so easy for them to do that. So we wanted to strengthen this language here. I think that's my intent in supporting this, and I assume it's Senator Baack's intent also.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask a question or two of Senator Baack, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Baack, we were discussing this a little bit earlier. Can you explain to me what you mean, I mean it's a very general, evidently, your amendment. You said to bring out the services. What services are you speaking about?

SENATOR BAACK: It doesn't...it isn't getting into specific services. I would guess it would be services such as possibly librarians, specialists in special ed, some of these kinds of things, if they needed those services and it would be easier and much more efficient for the high school district to probably send that service out to that affiliated Class I rather than bringing the students into the high school district, the high school district should make every effort to do that, to bring those services out to them rather than having them have to bring the kids in.

SENATOR SMITH: How does the Educational Service Unit system across the state tie in with that...with this amendment?

SENATOR BAACK: Well, I would think that a lot of high schools and stuff, their services are provided through the service unit.