

said better roads means better education. So, since you voted to keep it like Senator Hefner wanted it and you accepted his argument that better roads mean better education, putting an extra percent of sales tax on automobiles will produce those better roads, Senator Hefner, do you see where he's got an argument? Could you answer that for me. In view of what...

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, would you like to respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you see where he's got an argument?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, coming from you, I can see your point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and now, one other thing with reference to the tiers that he was speaking of, t-i-e-r-s, I believe he means, because he was certainly crying some crocodile tears over there, but I think he was referring to a different kind. He said when you reach a level where the number of students is few, that can be resolved through consolidation, couldn't it, Senator Hefner? Couldn't consolidation help remedy that problem to some extent?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, are you saying this is a consolidation bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking a question about how to remedy one aspect of what was bothering Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, it could be, yes, it could be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you think that an amendment calling for a consolidation, wouldn't it be germane to this bill because we're dealing with some of the essentials of education. We're talking about equalizing the payment of property taxes and one of the big obstacles to consolidation has been what they called unequal property taxation. So if this bill is dealing with, in fact, an equalization of property tax payments, shouldn't it be something that would encourage consolidation?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, it sounds to me like it could, but then Senator Lamb pointed out that under this bill, well, some of them have very, would have a very low levy so I don't know. Maybe we're not accomplishing what we want to accomplish.