

to say, even though, if you would like to merge following the language and the letter of the law, you will not lose the right to have those facilities. They have that right now. So, what this amendment really does is provides a sustaining opportunity for them to keep the right that they currently have to these five detached facilities. Again, it's a unique situation, only would apply to Norwest in this situation. But because of the fact that they do have three separate charters, and for management purposes in the near future they may want to merge those together, and I am asking that we not strip them of their rights to have these five facilities associated with those three separate charters they currently have. So, with that, I offer the motion to attach this amendment to LB 457. If anyone has any questions, I'd be glad to try to address those.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests of Senator Hannibal. In the south balcony we have 69 eighth grade students from Mary Our Queen School in Omaha with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Landis, did you wish to speak on this amendment, please, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Conway's amendment is the jockey, but Senator Schmit's bill is the horse, and I want to talk just briefly about the jockey and the horse in this case. I'm going to oppose the amendment and the bill. I'm not quite as adamant in my opposition to the amendment as I am to the bill, but I do recall and I appreciated Senator Schmit's clarity at the beginning when he said 457 is necessary, these counties need this services was his words. He said, these counties, and there are three of them that are affected by this bill, they need this service. Now I'm up for reelection, and it's time to go door to door and I was down on one of my neighborhoods, yesterday, going door to door and knocked on the door, an elderly woman came to the door, well dressed but not richly dressed, just very carefully and neatly dressed, an older woman, white hair, small house, very, very clean yard, hard work, flowers in a flower box, and I said I was running, and she said, oh, I'm glad you're here, I want to talk about a burning issue, it's really, really important in my life. And it was clear there was a flush of emotion on her face, and I said, well, let me guess, your property taxes are too high. And she said, well, they are, I'm almost run out of my house by the cost of staying in this home, but that's not it. And I said, well, what, drugs in the streets, there have been some drive-by