

by not adopting it, nevertheless, for those few that may have the problem it could be significant. Those who are not adding in their construction and do not...and can, within the existing limitations, provide the money for the maintenance and the operation of the additional facility, they wouldn't qualify anyway. It's a limited few and it would seem to me it would be appropriate to meet a problem that those districts otherwise would not be able to meet, and that is the utilization of a facility after it was constructed through the fact that they had the inability to provide the additional funds that the expanded facility would be requiring.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support Senator Lamb's amendment. I, too, have many schools in my district that could run into problems with the lid provisions as they exist in LB 1063. I understand the Governor's concerns and others' concerns with inflated budget projections. I'm sure they are...have been a problem, although I think probably a minor problem. But we have a lot of schools experiencing real growth. Some schools it will be...children will be affiliating with one district and "choicing" their children into another, and all this comes together to equal some real budgetary problems in the future. I have never supported the lid concept. To me, it's much the same as term limitations. It encourages people to not be involved in government, in local government. If you've got a lid on, you don't have to go to the school board meeting. You can sit home and watch "Wheel of Fortune" and the little lid bill will go off, go ringing, and then you can run to the school board meeting after the fact and then participate. I believe things like lids definitely discourage participation in local government. I have never been for them, I am not for them now, and I think this proposal contained in LB 1063 can really restrict educational growth where it is needed in the state. I'd support Senator Lamb's amendment and thank him for bringing it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that most of what I had planned to say has been said ahead of me. One of the schools in my district who has taken in considerable new land area, who has actively pursued consolidation, has voted and is