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themselves and if they don't want to do it it doesn't affect them." A little further on, "This is not competition with the County Superintendent. It is not in competition with existing school systems and it does not affect local control because it will be controlled locally. The people in the local community will control it themselves and it is not a superimposed school district. It is not a school district and it will not solve all of our education problems for equal education opportunities because it is not so designed." It goes on to say, "But let's don't deny these people of having an opportunity to do something for themselves if they want to do it." So as it is now, if a local ESU board wishes to contract or a high school wishes to contract with them to provide a service, this is the way it is handled. I met with the people from the Department of Education and we tried to talk about the rules and regulations and they halfway agree that maybe this is a year too soon, that they should come up with the regulations, then we should place and vote on whether to put them underneath the Department of Education because at this time no one knows what the regulation is going to be. So I would ask this body to leave it underneath the local control of the local ESU boards and they want it underneath the local control. Some of the ESU directors want it underneath the State Department of Education but who do we listen to? Do we listen to the people on the board? Yes. So I would like to ask that we wait a year, take the ESU's out. When they come up with the regulations, have the Department of Education meet with the boards of the ESU's, explain it to them, then if they authorize it and go along with it, then I will support putting it underneath the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, in spite of what you might have thought with the last vote, that probably was really...took all the guts out of the bill and that I was very deeply disappointed, I can tell you right now that this amendment right here is the one, that in my opinion, is going to take the guts out of the bill. This is the part that I am going to go to the mat for and the reason is that