

amendment is unconstitutional, we can say that the constitutionality of this amendment, in our opinion, would be very difficult, if not impossible, to defend." Well, I think it, at least it is pretty clear to me that any guarantees that the Class I attendance center would remain open is certainly under a cloud. I can understand Senator Vickers' amendment. He wants to clarify as to the procedure that would occur in the voting in order to keep that Class I open, or the Class I attendance site. But to me I really believe that the Attorney General's opinion makes that question moot, and to clarify something that the Attorney General cast doubt on, as far as constitutionality, does not make too much sense to me.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Hoagland and Vard Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, you are next then.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to deal with intellectual honesty. That is a hard statement, isn't it. This is a hard fought bill. As I told Senator Lamb a few minutes ago, the proponents, Senator Lynch, and Senator Landis, and Senator Hoagland and myself, at every step of the way have done everything within our legislative and creative powers to make certain that no rural school will close as a result of LB 662 unless the voters in that old rural attendance area vote to close the school. On General File Senator Lamb requested an opinion of the Attorney General as to whether the language that we had in the bill on the vote was or was not constitutional. The Attorney General rendered an opinion saying that the language that we had in the bill was ambiguous and created problems. So we amended the language to clean up the ambiguity. We cleaned up the ambiguity. Then, because I, Vard Johnson, had received letters from some people in Class I school districts raising one question which was if a Class I school district is divided into more than one part who gets to vote on the school closing, I said that is a good question. So I said, let me provide by an additional