

Chairman of the Education Committee and the Chairman of the Revenue Committee will be co-chairmen of the committee that will study this situation and then six people will be appointed, two from each of the Congressional Districts to fill out the committee. Well, we have our committee structure and I think it is more appropriate for the Education Committee and the Revenue Committee jointly to study this problem. We have already got that structure set up and, incidentally, it guarantees that I would be on the committee. Otherwise I may not be. So I have a twofold reason for this amendment. I think it does follow our legislative structure here as far as committees are concerned in their responsibilities and I would ask that the bill be returned for this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to oppose the amendment. I don't have any strong feelings about how this is set up but let me remind you that this was Senator Scofield's suggestion in the first instance, what is in the bill right now. I think it is a reasonable suggestion in that it provides access to the committee to the entire Legislature, and if we do not do it that way, then Senator Scofield, herself, who I am assuming will be on the committee, will not be on the committee and I think that her and Senator Lamb should both be on the committee because they both have been probably the most vocal and active opponents of this particular legislation. So it is neither here nor there to me but in consideration of Senator Scofield I think you should retain the present structure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is interesting that Senator Lamb at this juncture offers a combined study committee of the Education and the taxation, the Revenue Committee. I believe that that was one of the initial suggestions made on the initial study of LB 662 which was hotly resisted by Senator Lamb. I think that the solution provided by Senator Scofield several weeks ago on a study committee which was simply to have the Executive Board designate a study committee consisting of eight people, two chairpersons, co-chairpersons, plus six others with the six coming from each of the three