

author of the document so maybe you'd want Senator Miller also to comment on it. The term intermediate, to me, means between. Supplemental means additional. As to their applicability to define the educational services units, frankly, my opinion is it doesn't make a whole lot of difference. But Senator Miller may wish to comment on that with some greater detail.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, that's okay. Some people read into that more than that, for whatever that might be, then there is no reason to go into the details right now. The third provision in the Lamb-Lynch amendment here has to do with the ESUs becoming a repository clearing house administrator of funds for school districts. Would a school district who uses an ESU in that capacity have to have some agreement with the ESU, for example, such as an agent of record document on hand to justify another unit of government administering and handling those funds that were collected by a duly elected school board?

SENATOR WITHEM: Under advice of committee counsel, I'm not going to plead the Fifth Amendment, but under advice of committee counsel he indicates that, no, they probably would not need that requirement.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, okay, thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, I'd just like to support the amendment. The more I think about and look at these intermediate supplemental service units, whatever they may be called, the more concerned we ought to become. At the same time, Howard and I agree on these amendments, I think we probably disagree on the problem as it exists with the number of school districts in the state. It is interesting that he and I, who probably pull apart on one end of the issue, agree that we have to be careful when we establish, at the state level, additional administrative responsibilities without identifying, I think, in a more responsible way than is now identified, who shall get what service and how it should be paid for. I think the amendment makes some sense. I think it would clarify the responsibilities as was attempted in the committees efforts this summer, this last summer, and would go a long way to make sure that a unit of government does not do or will ever do more than really what it was originally intended to accomplish.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Remmers for further discussion, Senator Lee Rupp has some guests in the north balcony. They are 74 students from Field School in Columbus with their teacher. Would you students please stand