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rebutt the argument here. Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to be a little better informed on this and I've read this letter and Senator Lewis, would you respond to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis yield?

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Now, number two of your itemized arguments here. The school board shall recognize for negotiation the organization that enrolls the majority.

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PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Richard Lewis, back to you, sir. Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Now we're on. Now, back to Senator Frank and back to my question. Does this say that the NSEA then if they have the majority of certified personnel enrolled then they will be the negotiating Body?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Senator Lewis, this refers back to the teacher negotiation bill, LB485, of 1967 which delineates the method of who will represent the association. On the first of January of each year you deliver to the superintendent or the president of the board of education a list of your membership and you must have 51%, you must have had that for the preceding two years in order to negotiate. So if the membership is above 51% and they happen to be with the NSEA instead of VFT or some other group, this would be the group that would negotiate. As it is now in Class 3, 4, and 5 districts.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President and members of the Body. I'd like to make....I rise to oppose Senator Lewis' motion. I'd like to make a couple of comments. The first and number one, I believe this should read negotiations shall be undertaken, Frank, or may?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: The word change is now to shall, yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Then may there is incorrect?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Then it would broaden these....Mr. President, maybe we could have a little....Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We'll try it.

SENATOR DICKINSON: It would broaden the present coverage which now covers 3, 4, and 5 to 1,2, and 6, Class 1, 2, and