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SENATOR JOHNSON: I appreciate that comment of Senator Lewis. Now I guess my real concern then is in the fact that when a city's boundaries expand such as the City of Papillion and, well, the City of Papillion's boundaries expand and begin to take into those city boundaries the boundaries of a Class III school district such as that of Bellevue that it would seem logical that the Bellevue School District become a part of or that little bit of Bellevue School District become a part of the Papillion School District so that the school district boundaries are coterminous with the city boundaries. That would seem logical but it looks like Senator Lewis' amendment will prevent that from occurring if the voters in that little bit of annexed Bellevue School District say, no, we don't want to do that, and my question is this, Senator Lewis, why should the issue not be put to the voters, if you are going to put it to the voters, why not put it to the voters of annexing school district as well as the annexed school district? Why not put it to the voters of the Papillion School District as well as to those members in the Bellevue School District who lie in the annexed area?

SENATOR LEWIS: (Mike off) coming from and I am not about to respond to that. Let me say that it is Class III to Class III. The purpose is, there is already two ways to do it. You understand that, that it can be done and it can be a hodgepodge now. It is not clear. I believe it is good state law to make it absolutely uniform. Now we could do it like Westside does it, and that is if twenty-five percent of the people in an area petitions. This is in no way related or similar or any other circumstances to any other merger fight that might exist in the State of Nebraska or anywhere else.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I move the adoption of my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. Speaker, so that there will be no confusion, I do not look with good favor upon this but I certainly will support putting it as the first of April 1981. I want you folks to know that it is going to affect the school districts to the north of Douglas County, to the north of the City of Omaha, Westside, Elkhorn, Westside and Millard, I mean, as they come out and grow to the industrial...the residential development in Elkhorn, in Bennington, in Fort Calhoun and I believe there is another