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schoolhouse, a nice schoolhouse, with no students or a very limited number of students to attend. Now it is just as simple as that. They should be able....there is two school districts. Instead of having Frank and I sit down here and try to convince 49 people across this state that are not concerned with it whatsoever, have us decide how they are going to do it and let Bellevue do it. Those two schools should be able to sit down and negotiate out some way the bonded indebtedness and everything else. I ask that you kill this bill and give those schools one more chance to try to do it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, your light is on.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, I want to try to explain this one more time. First of all, there is a method to acquire that property under those subdivisions that have been petitioned in. I want the April 1 date of '81 on there, to provide two things and I want you to listen carefully. I agreed to it. First of all, Senator Keyes, I think that negotiation is important. Secondly, I think the April 1 date will prevent the city from annexation at this particular point in time until we can have a resolution of the issue. Senator Koch is going to do a study on the subject this year. I think that those boundaries have to be negotiated to the advantage of the people and the students who live there. That's my purpose. I agreed to the year from now amendment simply to put those districts on record and the city on record that that issue has to be resolved, and I think it is important that the Legislature makes that kind of a statement. Otherwise, as the city annexes some of that portion will come in by a vote of the people already and that's in the current law that was passed in 383 as it affects Class 6 schools, and that was four or five years ago. So they can already do this. My concern and Senator Keyes' concern, and we are not battling over this issue, is that there be some reasonable address to that issue. I think the time line provides that. I think it puts the cities and the school districts on notice that they should resolve their issue. Also gives Senator Koch's Education Committee an opportunity to look at it over the summer. I ask you to pass the bill and reject the Keyes amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion before the House is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is to advance the bill to.... Have you all voted? The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. Have you all voted?