

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Vickers, before you start, we have been a little bit noisy this morning. Would you kindly hold it down so we can hear the speakers. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the committee amendments on LB 662 do basically four things. The first thing is that it strikes the section of the bill that deals with ag land valuation. The second part of the amendment reinstates on page 15, line 13, reinstates the language that if a high school that falls below the 25 pupils in grades 9 through 12 is within 15 miles on a reasonably improved highway or distance of another high school. The existing statutes have that 15 mile language in it. The language that was stricken in the existing statute and then reinstated in another place left the 15 mile language out. This amendment would put that 15 miles back in. The third amendment, committee amendment puts in in the places where the Class I school would be merged with an existing Class II, III, IV, or V includes VI, just add VI to all those places that use II, III, IV, and V. That goes through several sections of the bill to add that Class VI back in. The fourth amendment is the one that adds the language that "notwithstanding any other provisions in Section 2 to 7 of this act" that the school attendance site, the question of closing of that elementary school attendance site can only be answered by those people of the existing...of the old school district that are attending that school at the elementary attendance site. Those are the committee amendments. There are, as I say, four different parts of them and I would move the adoption of those committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, is it your wish to take all four of those up at one time? Now we do have amendments to the committee amendments which we will take up before your committee amendments. But at such time as we get back to your amendments, do you wish to take them all up at one time or one at a time?

SENATOR VICKERS: It doesn't matter to me, Mr. President, whatever you want to do. If you want to separate them one at a time, that is fine, I don't care.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will try them as a package when we get back to them but we are going off now on amendments to the