

well as I do that those are terms that are quite often used and they are in the eye of the beholder, and so the court is going to have to decide those things. Yes, my point here is...and you may want to refer to the Attorney General's Opinion, which states in effect that there are problems, constitutional problems with the amendment, the committee amendment, which is designed to keep those attendance centers open. And this is just a bit of insurance in case this bill should pass that some of those people out there have some legal recourse that indeed it does happen, although since the Attorney General's Opinion has come through, there is really no basis for the amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, the only reason I raised the question is because there has been controversy, in previous years, on constitutional amendments that suggest that every student is entitled to a reasonably equal educational opportunity. And I wondered if this is essentially what you were trying to establish by this amendment, that you want to have "reasonable educational opportunity", balanced education, and if that is the goal.

SENATOR LAMB: The goal, Senator DeCamp, is to keep a school board from just letting the facilities run down to such a point that the people out in that area have no choice except just to close the school.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, are we talking though...and this is an important distinction for me, are we talking about the facilities as well as the educational quality provided, or are we simply talking about facilities?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, it would be my intent that the whole educational facility, including the education provided children, it's not just the buildings and books.

SENATOR DECAMP: And would we be talking about essentially a balanced or equivalent education to what a student elsewhere would get? Is that what you are trying to do?

SENATOR LAMB: Not necessarily. We have...

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, then it would be...you are not intending to have one student in X school educated as well as or generally speaking...