

that the amendment violated the one-person, one-vote requirement of the United States Constitution. The Attorney General did not find that the amendment violated any insurmountable barriers of the United States Constitution. The Attorney General just suggested that the language itself needed to be cleaned up because there were some ambiguities. So Senator Vickers is cleaning up the language to take care of the ambiguities. Now one of the things that Senator Landis has pointed out is that the State of South Dakota, for years, and years, and years, has had very similar voting requirement in its statutes which afforded the residents of a common school district that had been reorganized to vote whenever the attendance center was proposed to be closed. Well, in examining Nebraska's statutes, I find that we, ourselves, have a similar provision which has been in our books since 1965. In 1965 we passed legislation which allows 25 percent of the residents of a Class I school district to petition for a vote of the entire Class I school district as to whether or not that school district should be merged with a Class II, III, IV or V school district and the statute specifically says that the petitioners themselves may provide in their petition whether or not, whether or not the attendance center in that Class I school district shall remain open until such time as the residents of the then reorganized Class I school district vote to close it. (Inaudible) can be found at 77-426.23, Nebraska Statutes, which provides the petition may also contain provisions for the holding of school within existing buildings of the proposed reorganized district and when so provided the holding of school within such building shall be maintained from the date of reorganization unless the legal voters served by the school, by a majority vote, vote for discontinuance of the school. That has been the law of the State of Nebraska since 1965. So all we propose to do with this amendment is simply to clarify a provision in the earlier amendment to assure the residents of a Class I school district that only they can vote to close their school.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb. However, may I introduce approximately 50 students in our east balcony who are from Omaha, and the four Senators involved are Senator Chizek, Senator Pirsch, Senator Hannibal and Senator Hoagland. Now we are going to have approximately 300 students coming and they will be visiting in the east balcony in groups of about 50 each. Dave Haar is their instructor. Would you please