

know it's not very popular with some people that certainly hope that this issue would advance and ultimately be passed by this Legislature. But I can see what it means to the people who have children in those small schools. They feel they're getting a good quality education and we've been trying with bills like LB 994 to do what we can to assist in continuing to provide quality education whether it be big schools or little schools. Senator Lamb has already indicated, there are differences and we have to recognize that between big schools and little schools and until we recognize that or at least recognize it through the taxation problem, I guess I have a real difficult time of supporting this proposal and I'd ask you to please vote for the kill motion. I think that the Education Committee or the Exec Board or whoever we want to appoint as a designated committee should probably sit down with all the groups involved and lay out all the cards on the deck. Let us know what is going on. To me right now you're asking the rural people to continue to take on the burden of supporting schools. There is no tax equity that I see, ultimate tax equity, in this particular legislation. Now some have said, well we can't push all of these things all at one time because it would be too big. Well I'd at least like to know what ultimately is the grand plan for education in this state because as I said, I think the rural areas of our state are going to undergo some tremendous evolution of changes in our communities and in our health care and other areas, including schools. And I'm not saying that there aren't those Class I's out in the state that don't need to be reorganized into certain school districts, but I do believe that for a large part of them, they sincerely believe that they are getting a quality education out there and that's what I'm most concerned about, making sure that those young people will be able to learn in those schools and then later on become productive Nebraskans. With that I'd urge you to support the kill motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had the same motion ready, wasn't quite sure that I wanted to introduce it and after listening to Senator DeCamp I thought I'd hold mine up a while but...so I will rise now to support Senator Johnson's kill motion. I just want to tell you a little bit about myself, personally, to know where I stand. Thirty years ago my children were going