

issue and we take the time that is necessary to decide the issue. I want to tell my friends from the rural areas, we do not have enough rural votes to attain equity under Amendment 4 without urban votes. Count them up. You can count. I went to a Class I school and I learned to count and they're not there and so if you're going to, by golly, achieve equity where it really counts on Amendment 4, you're going to count on the urban votes. I preferred it the other way around and that's the way it was when I first came down here. The farmers kind of controlled this place, but we don't have the control anymore. We don't have the votes. And so if you're going to get equity you're going to have to get equity on a reasonable, fair basis and I want to tell you that I haven't always agreed with my urban friends in this body.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have found that it works better if you can meet it up front than if you try to slip around and make an end run because they represent a broad area of constituents also and the time is going to come when you cannot delay the issue any longer and I think that time may be now. We would not have the tremendous disparity that exists today if we had faced the issue up front. I cite one example, the eastern half of Butler County reorganized through the East Butler School District. It is a fine school.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And they took out a bunch of Class I's to do it, but they addressed the issue and they addressed it up front and they have a fine school and a decent levy and we're going to have to do that in the rest of the area. If we don't do it, you're going to see some inequities which will cause farmers to lose their land and I don't want to see that. So while I respect Senator Johnson and his intention on the kill motion, but I think, Senator Johnson, while we've got this steer hide on the floor we just as well drag it around until we get the thing resolved. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body,