

those areas have made those decisions on the local basis. Hamilton County, which I represent, is a totally reorganized district or county. They made that decision on their own. There are certainly some hard decisions and I'm sure there was some bad blood between people in giving up some of those local schools, but they did that on their own. I think that Senator Barrett covered that point. But I'd like to see our schools decided or at least the reorganization that takes place in the rural areas of our state be decided locally, not here in Lincoln, Nebraska. We've heard a lot about political courage and having the guts to stand up and addressing this question. I have no problem with addressing the taxation issue, the tax equity issue, but the problem is, as I see it, it is easier to point the finger at areas where you're not affected by it and say you show some political courage when in fact, we are the people living in those districts that have to make those tough decisions. It is easier, or it is much more difficult for an individual like Senator DeCamp or myself or Senator Remmers to make this decision than it is for my colleague Senator Vard Johnson because it is us, it is our districts that are the ones that will be affected. And so it is going to be a tough issue for us and that's why I sincerely hope that we address the tax equity problem somewhere down the road, but I'm not sure that this is the vehicle. There are still a lot of loopholes and a lot of problems. I'm certainly hoping that you will vote for the kill motion. I recognize that I may not have the votes, but I think we have discussed a number of very good points that needed to be brought up. I would now defer the rest of my time to Senator Scofield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, you have one minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I rise to support obviously the kill motion and I don't do that with complete 100 percent enthusiasm because as we've heard, we do have problems with the tax equity situation in the state and we do have very serious broad problems on how we finance our schools. And yet I don't think this bill is the vehicle that is going to solve it and in fact it may create such a schism between not only rural and urban members of the state, but rural and urban people right in my own district that whatever positive outcomes may result from this bill, will be outweighed by the negative outcomes. I'd like to correct one misconception that Senator Landis seems to be operating under. We don't shop around for nonresident