

Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I only want to speak up in regard to intellectual honesty. As far as I'm concerned when that amendment was put on there that said that the local people can vote forever and ever whether that school can stay open, that was not a piece that demonstrated intellectual honesty. I think the people...the supporters of this bill knew that that would not hold up in court, that you can't have one small part of a subdivision say forever and ever what is going to happen in that small part of a subdivision, while the rest of the voters in that subdivision did not have anything to say about what happens in that little, tiny part that used to be a Class I. That is not going to hold up. I'll admit that the Attorney General's opinion does not clarify the whole issue as to that voting procedure. I wanted him to, maybe I worded the request incorrectly, I wanted to attack that whole voting procedure. But what he chose to discuss was only the case where a school district is divided into more than one part, the Class I. That is what he said probably has constitutional problems. But I see no difference in that in the whole question of that whole Class I, original Class I being able to vote forever and ever to keep that school open. I say that was a sham to begin with and we should consider that when we talk about intellectual honesty.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to vote to support the Vickers amendment. I'm going to tell you one more time there are some forgotten people in this entire issue, and those forgotten people are the rural residents of the Class II and Class III districts. Let me tell you why. In my home district 50 percent of the valuation is rural. You know what percentage of the population lives in that district? Ten percent, count them, 10 percent, two hands full, that is all. Now if anyone has any doubts about who and why and how you support education in District 56, Butler County, let me tell you that 10 percent of the people pay half the support of that school system. Now there are some people who are concerned about free high tuition and I am also. There are some people who are concerned about mill levies and I am also. But the facts are these, the urban residents have high mill levies but lesser overall valuation. The residents of the