

district to one school site, and they are still back to square one. They don't have the voting majority yet to get enough people on the school board to see their way in keeping those school districts open in those small towns. But they are continuing to fight. I guess that is what I'm most concerned about. Senator Schmit has hit on a good point. All the property that my father and my brothers and I own is in K thru 12 school district sites. We pay through the nose, as Senator Schmit has indicated. I don't have any land in a Class I district, so this really doesn't affect me, but it affects my constituents and it affects the people that want to keep those school sites open. That is what I'm most concerned about. We have already proven that there is quality education there. I think that is the positive part of all this discussion, that has brought about the fact that we recognize that there is quality education in both large and small schools. What I would like to see, and I have yet to see, that there are any guarantees that can be put into this bill that will keep a Class I school district or a Class I school district that has merged into a larger district...keep that school site open. Under the Attorney General's opinion they show no guarantees. So, naturally, I guess I have a great deal of concern about this bill. I'm going to continue to listen to debate, but I certainly have a strong feeling that I am going to again oppose the bill. As far as the amendment is concerned I think it is all irrelevant actually. If in fact there is no guarantee those school sites are going to stay open, I guess I can't see the real purpose for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: We are still on the Vickers amendment. Senator Landis, do you wish to speak a second time?

SENATOR LANDIS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

PRESIDENT: I do have further lights for recognition, so I will put the question to you. Shall...I do see five hands. I'll put the question to you. Shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote on the question of ceasing debate on the Vickers amendment. The Chair will allow 15 seconds for you to record your vote. We're voting on the...very well. Have