

you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate is closed on the Vickers amendment and, Senator Vickers, you may close your argument.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, first of all I want to tell Senator Lamb and others that I don't consider this a case of intellectual dishonesty at all. I think we're attempting to recognize a concern of some people about their attendance sites, about their school buildings and we're doing the best to put in the statutes those things that will help keep that attendance site open. Senator Lamb says and the Attorney General's Opinion indicates that there may be some problems with it. Let me tell you, you can do it right now and it's being done right now by contract. If the contract is tight enough I know of a few school attendance centers that are staying open as a result of votes that said, no, we're not going to close them. It seems strange to me that we can do it by contract. All we were attempting to do was say, look, we're going to protect you by more than just a contract that you may not be able to get agreement to. We're going to put it in the statutes. And if we're going to put it in the statutes, then we ought to have the mechanisms there to make sure that it can work. You know this whole issue reminds me of trying to fight a ghost. People put up issues that say, hey, you can't do this to us so we try to figure out ways to do it and then they say, no, no, no, we really don't mean to do that. We don't want you to do it that way. Part of the problem I think, and I think Senator Schmit hit on it directly, it's been turned into a rural/urban thing and anybody that is from rural Nebraska that says we ought to do something differently is being treated as though we're a leper or something. Well, I'll tell you, I beginning to get a little tired of it. I'm getting a little tired of having people be not totally honest with what we are attempting to do with this piece of legislation. I'm getting a little tired of having people come out in my home town and stand up and tell them that this bill is going to close Class II high schools as well. As a matter of fact, I'm getting a little tired of Zeke Brauer going around and lying to folks. It's just that clear. I'm getting very disturbed with it. I don't mind people that tell the truth or talk about truth, but people that throw up will 'o the wisps for us to deal