

with upsets me. I'm attempting to make this bill so it can function and work, and if you don't want to make it work, then I guess that's your prerogative. But I'm trying to set up something that can work so that we can get to another source of funding education and I think it's rather strange that all of a sudden on this floor this morning people are talking about supporting education two-thirds from the state when about less than a week ago I stood on this floor and tried to raise the sales tax 1 percent for property tax relief and got four votes, four votes. I wonder where the money is going to come from for that two-thirds support for education. This body doesn't have enough guts to raise the taxes to that level and I'm convinced of it because I've tried to make some shifts for six years now and haven't been able to. We can talk about property tax relief real easy when we're not faced with that decision of raising the taxes to do it and I think everybody in this state knows it. Certainly anybody that has been in this body any length of time knows it. The amendment that I bring before you now is simply trying to clarify how that mechanism is going to work and I urge your adoption. If you don't want the mechanism to work at all, if you don't want to provide any protection at all, then I guess that's up to each of us as an individual. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You are now asked to vote on the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. You are voting on the adoption of the Vickers amendment. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? You are voting on the adoption of the Vickers amendment to LB 662. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Vickers's amendment. (See page 1026 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Vickers amendment is adopted. Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend. This is your amendment on page 1002, Senator, 1002.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this amendment is another one of those amendments that I am attempting to offer to this bill to clarify some of the provisions that we talk about and try to make it so it will work better.