

construction, if they have the money in a reserve fund, they can build for new construction and I think this is a local control issue and that this body has no business mandating to schools what they can or cannot do when it comes to building school buildings or additions or what have you. It is just plain wrong that we mandate this type of an issue. Whether it is until 1989 or 1999, it is wrong and I, therefore, cannot support Senator Schmit's amendment to this bill and I would even doubt whether it is germane to the bill, and I am not going to question that because I might get a bad ruling, so I am going to leave that one go. But I urge you to stop to think what you are doing. You are mandating to every local school board that you shall not do this and that is wrong for us to do that. Thank you, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Okay, Senator Schmit, would you like to close, please.

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Yes, Mr. President, I would like to close. I think that Senator Haberman is very sincere in his attempt to refer to local control, but, Senator Haberman, the very bill, the very bill overrides the local control. That is what the hollering is all about. I think you and I know that and you and I have been voting together. I guess I am a little bit surprised that you are not voting with me on this issue because I think you ought to be walking arm in arm with me, side by side, but perhaps you will see the wisdom of the bill...the amendment later on. I just want to say this. We have enough problems today. Most of the problems in government, whether it is schools, whether it is counties, cities, state and federal, it is all funding, it is all taxes. A lot of it is capital construction. I recall, and I have talked to Senator Warner many times about this, the capital construction projects of the state here, it is easy to build a building but the maintenance on the building, the upkeep, the heat, the air conditioning, all of those things then had to be factored in, and the Appropriations Committee back there is faced with how you are going to take care of that. How do you do it? I think we have seen it happen on a number of instances and I want to suggest, I am not condemning the local school boards for it, but I want to point out that you can go to most small communities today and they have substantial plants. Three years is not that long a time. The building is not going to...if you have to maintain it, well, that is fine but the