

idea of new construction I think is...it ought to be looked at very seriously because you are going to find out, if you don't do this, Senator Haberman, you are going to find that as we approach the period that we are talking about, if the bill becomes law, somebody is going to say, well, we can't close this school because we just have a brand new school. We just built it two years ago, what a terrible waste. We are trying to avoid that. I have seen it happen before. I don't want it to happen again. I think it is a reasonable amendment and I would ask you to support it. If you don't support it, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to be sorry a year or two down the road. I will be very frank with you, if the amendment is not passed, it is not necessarily going to change my idea of supporting the bill but it will change the overall attractiveness of the bill, I think not only to myself but to many other people. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Schmit amendment. Two are excused, Senator Schmit. Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would like to have a roll call vote, I believe. I would just like to put the people on record here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, roll call vote please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1044-45 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment fails. I have some guests of Senator Rod Johnson in the south balcony. They are 15 students from Palmer High School with their teacher. Will you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do we have something else?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. This is REQ490.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,