

constitutional problems. So I really don't think they have the protection that many people would like to think that the original version of LB 662 would have.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Landis, under LB 662 as it currently is before us, with the amendment and the request to have a decision from the Supreme Court, do you see that we have protection for the persons who feel they need the added protection?

SENATOR LANDIS: The question is with the Lamb amendment being adopted or without the Lamb amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Without the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is guarantee in 662 now for the keeping of a rural school open...

SENATOR MARSH: As an attendance center?

SENATOR LANDIS: As an attendance center. The district would be collapsed into the other district so that it would be managed from the centralized district administration. There is guarantee I think in what we already have to keep the school itself open. The Lamb amendment says we will keep the school open and we will keep the district operative as well. So there is some additional protection in the Lamb amendment. I am satisfied with the school protections.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: But I, personally, will go one step further and adopt this protection myself as well.

SENATOR MARSH: Members of the Legislature, I have some real concerns regarding Senator Lamb's amendment. It seems to me that the mechanism, if it were adopted, would allow shopping around, so we will try it with one school district with an affiliation, and then we will try it with another school district with an affiliation, and we may choose to go to a third one the third year. This is not resolving the basic issue of providing a K-12 education with the decisions made by the persons who are parents of the children involved at all levels. Some parents only have small children. Some have middle sized children, some have just high school students, but lots of families have a child in each of the