

merges they retain the right to vote on the keeping of their school open. There are two provision in there that staff counsel have pointed out. Number one, we have to clarify that you can merge with any of the classifications of school II through VI, and we also have to say how we are going to make one of these divisions. While we say it is going to be done in the bill, this says the county superintendent will do it pursuant to 79-420. That is what the amendment does. Amendments far greater than this get handled on General File and Select File every day of the week. But it is really where you don't like the goal of the bill, where you really don't want the tax haven to dry up, these amendments loom to be huge and inconceivable and beyond the ability of a mind to comprehend. I don't buy it. Walk up, take a look at the amendment, a schematic diagram of it is being passed out. This amendment is not a major piece. It simply goes back into two of our existing things in response to what we already know. Number one, trying to clean up the problem that is raised by the Attorney General's Opinion that Senator Lamb brought to us and address that issue so that the right to elect to keep the school open is intact, but it is intact for a complete district; and, secondly, permitting the Smith amendment to be applied for a one time election for students that are now going to another school besides the one that their Class I will merge with. A simple amendment, it deserves passage.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland. Senator Schmit's light is broken. I don't think he has it on for the purpose of speaking. Senator Hoagland to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Lamb was successful earlier in adopting an amendment which some of us supported and some of us opposed. Senator Lynch and Senator Landis, co-sponsors of the bill, adopted support of that amendment. I opposed that amendment. Senator Vickers, and others of us who are proponents of the bill opposed it. I think Senator Landis has gained a great deal of ground. I understand, from visiting with many of you, you can now support the bill with the Lamb amendment on it. Now I would plead with you to allow us to adopt this amendment which is largely technical. It clarifies Senator Smith's amendment by going into existing law and providing for a one time choice for parents who have children in high school so that we don't 10, 20, 30 years from now require a Class II