

with a variety of amendments, several of which are somewhere between incomprehensible and not necessarily understandable with the whole bill. But after this, I'm suggesting let's get a vote on the bill one way or the other so we can find out where we are. I think both sides are stalling here. It is just kind of my attitude that you bring it to a head at some point so we can deal with other business. I'll be voting against the bill, I'm sure. I think it's probably got 24 or 25 votes here this morning, one way or the other. But let's make the deciding vote as to whether you are gutting the bill on this amendment, and then proceed with the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Scofield.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will use two minutes of my time. We have worked very long and hard. We've bounced a lot of concepts around and we've tried to make as much accommodation as we can. We have a body of law here and intentions with a delayed implementation date that will allow us to sort it all out. But to go back to square one now is a big mistake. We've put into this bill provisions so that it is not binding on anyone until 1989, as far as anything mandatory, and it can't be used by anyone for another year. We've also put in there a study as well to harmonize what we have done. But to go back to square one is to say our goal is wrong, and that I am not prepared to do. The goal of doing away with two different forms of tax obligation to support education isn't wrong, it is right. I'm not going back to square one and fight that question again. I will be open to talk about how to do it, how to implement it, how to change things around to make that goal livable to the most possible people. But if that goal rubs some people the wrong way, let them oppose it. I believe in it and I'm going to support it. To vote for the Smith amendment now is to admit that my goal is wrong, and I'm not going to do that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, then Senator Withem, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Smith amendment. I think it is generally what Senator DeCamp has said. The bill, at this point I think, is very difficult to interpret. This would clean up some of those amendments that I think are questionable. The other thing this is going to do, I like the way this study is structured much