

we simply have ducked the issue repeatedly year after year. This is the closest we have ever come to dealing with it. Unfortunately, I guess we are dealing with it, in my opinion, in absolutely an unworkable way that does nothing more than prolong the wars. I will give you an example of what I think you are going to have happen. You may remember in the Korean War one of the most famous battles was Hamburger Hill. The comparable battle in the Vietnam War was a place called Khe Sanh. In both of those battles we had the highest mortality rate in terms of loss of life of any battles of those wars. What was discovered, and is freely admitted today, is that neither of those battles had any tactical or strategic benefit for either side. It was simply symbolic. Each side felt they couldn't afford to lose and so they committed more lives and men. When we won Khe Sanh finally, we gave it up the next day, same with Hamburger Hill. They were simply posturing to say we are going to win. My fear is that 662 has become exactly that, a Khe Sanh, a Hamburger Hill, or what you win has very little substance and prevents you from dealing with the overall picture, the overall picture of financing education and getting some quality into it, and if you are going to get that done, both sides are going to have to move off dead center. For example, the NSEA and the educators are going to have to recognize that their system is too expensive for what it is producing. It is simply the most expensive system in the United States in terms of administration on a per capita basis. Nebraska is, check it out, most expensive in the United States of America on administration. We are not really getting much done there. By the same token, the Class I's have to admit the world is changing, the 21st Century is coming, and you can't keep thinking you can stop it. So I think the amendment is good. I think it is what is going to happen in the future. I also think it is absolutely impossible to pass at this moment, that it would engender another hour, hour and a half of debate, so I will withdraw the amendment but I would hearken or ask you to hearken to the fact that you can't solve the problem by coming up with simply a system that creates a battle for the next four years or five years on this floor between now and 1989 that doesn't resolve anything. It doesn't really resolve anything, and for that reason, I will continue to vote against 662 unless, unless, it were put into some shape that it really did make things happen, and really did in some kind of a fair manner address the whole system of education, financing and quality. At this point it is not