

Lamb would have that excluded. We would include it. We would include it for this reason, all school districts today that provide transportation for children obviously have that transportation cost part of their budget and their mill levies are based on that part of their budget and a receiving district will undoubtedly provide transportation for high school children to basketball games, journalism programs, field trips, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. There is no reason why the Class I affiliated district ought not to pick up those transportation costs. With respect to the home to school transportation cost which currently is not borne, of course, by a Class I district, we think that home to transportation item needs to be included in the budget of the receiving district...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...for the reason that today there are a lot of buses who are going through the Class I districts. An addition of that item will not be in the last analysis as significant a cost as it could be. In addition, if we were living in a comparable Class II or Class III or Class IV or Class V school district, then those full home to school transportation costs would be taken care of out of the general mill levy. So we think that the transportation item should be included in the budget in terms of the tax load that the Class I district, the affiliated district will bear. But that is the nature of the amendments. I am sure that other folk will speak to this. This is a clean-up amendment with some substantive changes. Other people will speak to it. I ask you to listen to it carefully. Any questions you have, we will take them up. These amendments are offered in absolute good faith.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me address the question of severability. You will find the severability as the first section on your amendments. If you would like to see, for example, which of the items, the numbered items, are reflected in the amendments that have been passed out, you will find that severability, #3, on the list of amendments that is in the memorandum actually appears here as the first paragraph. The second paragraph is the cleanup of the Smith amendment from General File. On