

Section, here, 5 of the amendments, page 2, you begin the election process on affiliation that runs from page 2 to 3 on to page 4. The transportation language that Vard just referred to is in Section 6. You will find it on page 4 of the bill. It is just that one little change there from lines 11 through 14. With respect to the question of voting on the bonds which is #4 in the memorandum, you will find it here on page 4 of the amendments and that is also in Section 6, and the implementation date change is on the last page, page 5, of the amendments. There are two mechanisms for Class I's, merger and affiliation. Merger is premised on the promise to the Class I school that their rural attendance center will not be closed without a vote of the people and we have had in the question of the divided Class I a constitutional question raised and an Attorney General's opinion given. What the proponents of 662 have done is to conclude that we need to get up to the court and find out whether or not that vote of the people is a constitutional provision in the divided school situation. Now we have next year to make any appropriate restitution that we need to but what is left in the bill not subject to the severability clause that we enunciate here is the affiliation procedure and that is the one that Class I's spokespeople have argued for to be put into the bill. So we will live with the Lamb amendment, the affiliation concept, and not ask for severability there. We do ask for the question of severability with respect to the election so that when we have that declaratory judgment we will be able to respond next year on the floor of the Legislature in whatever way we wish to. I don't think we are going to need to but it allows us to take the issue of the election procedures and respond to them next year at the conclusion of our study without having to go over the basic groundwork of the bill from ground zero should there be any difficulty along the lines the Attorney General has suggested to us.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me conclude by pointing out that the very mechanism which the opponents of 662 have worked into the bill and which I have supported, affiliation, is not part of the severability clause that we are adding and that will remain in the bill so that the preferred mechanism will constantly remain an option of action by Class I's. I support the amendments. I hope you will as well.