

it means that the rest of the bill is not declared unconstitutional. If only that one part is unconstitutional, then the rest of the bill goes into effect and too bad, you people, we tried. We tried to give you the voting power to keep the school open but we just cannot do it and that, of course, is what the opponents have been saying from the first that that probably was an unconstitutional provision. It was put into the bill just for sugarcoating to make it more palatable to people on this floor and to people out in the country. Okay, number two up there, they are trying to change the affiliation amendment and it is unclear to me. Well, I should tell you, I checked with the Clerk's Office early this morning and the Vard Johnson amendment was in there but it was in terrible form. It was a handwritten copy. They did not have the bill drafter's copy at that time and I thought about challenging that position on the order here because they really substituted a different amendment or it could be a different amendment but, nevertheless, although we haven't had time to really look at this amendment, I am wondering if the merger, is merger forced on the districts if the affiliation is not approved by the receiving district? If you look at the amendment which I am proposing, and I have on the front there an explanation of the mechanics of how it would work, under my amendment if affiliation is not agreed to, see, I am agreeing with their position that the receiving district should have a voice in whether or not there is affiliation. However, I don't want that to lead to forced merger. It leads to forced affiliation under my amendment. I am not quite sure whether the Vard Johnson amendment leads to forced merger rather than forced affiliation. I am willing to have the County Reorganization Committee make the final determination about affiliation if the Class I's and the high school districts, the K-12's cannot agree.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: I agree that both parties should be consulted. It should not be one-sided. So as you will note on my summary sheet and if you read the amendment, that is what is provided in my amendment. Now we get down in #4 there are bond issues and I don't have much argument with that. Although it is not in my amendment, I would probably support that. The effective date, I don't have any real argument with that, but if you get down to #6 on transportation, this is a substantial change. This means