

of the amendments that are being proposed and I would like to make it clear that I am not supportive of that change. I would have been initially because I can understand after I had a conversation with folks and with some of the schools in my district that this would create an undue hardship if it were to continue indefinitely for the choice to be made on an ongoing basis as to attendance center. But I was not aware of the change in and in someone's determination or definition of what high school means. To me high school is grades nine through twelve and the school districts, at least in my area, have grades nine through twelve included in what they call their high school in those Class II schools. And so I want it made clear for the record that I don't support this revision in my amendment based on the fact that they are eliminating ninth and tenth grade when they are making that choice. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Landis, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it seems to me that the body wants to strike out on the question of severability by itself. I understand that from conversations that while some of the amendments are good, some of the amendments aren't very good, in their point of view. I, of course, find all of them meritorious, but that isn't a universally shared opinion. Let me make this suggestion to the body. Unlike normal amendments which can be amended as you do them, Final Reading amendments can't be done that way. In other words, we can't use this amendment to get to the problem that Jackie Smith wants to get to, and that is going back for freshmen and sophomores. We can't use this amendment to get to the question that Rex Haberman wants to get to or Dennis Baack wants to get to and that is severability. Let me suggest this. I will prepare an amendment to bring back this bill and to strike the language that we will adopt from this amendment on severability, to give this body a chance to face that issue by itself today. That's right. In other words, let's adopt this amendment, let's pick out the things that are questionable and readvance it and then bring them back and if there aren't 25 votes for those items they can be struck. It seems to me that the two points that are in question now are the severability clause and the extent to which the Smith amendment from General File needs to be renovated. And I think the suggestion should be this. Vote on the amendment,