

the election process generally which we were committed to, the proponents were committed to, but it applied to a section of the election provision having to do with split Class I districts which the opponents of the bill suggested should be in there and we said, all right, we'll put it in there, but there ought to be some kind of severability provision because of that. So nobody should be calling anybody else dishonest about it. The severability question comes in by virtue of a portion of that particular provision that was suggested and demanded by the opponents to the bill, but I don't want to get into that whole question because what I am saying to you is if you don't want the severability clause, fine, we'll do without it. So there it is, all six of them. Now we can't deal with every possible hardship situation. There is just no way. Sandy, I appreciate your comments, but you know there is no way to deal with every possible hardship situation, but one way we can accommodate that, accommodate all hardship situations of any size is by going through this committee study process next year and when we come out of that at the next legislative session, if we've identified five or six substantial hardship situations, we can address that with more detailed legislation. But I think that being fair to everybody you can't expect that each and every little hardship situation that might include one or two or five students, you cannot expect the proponents of this bill or the Legislature generally in any instance to anticipate each and every situation that might come along, but we can't address those is what I am saying. There is a mechanism for that. We can do it. So I think that I would certainly ask your support for these amendments with the understanding that the severability provision and the Jackie Smith provision, if I can call it that, although I understand it's a misnomer as it is right now, with the understanding that those two things are going to be taken care of. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, then Senator DeCamp. Senator Howard Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, what are the differences? If you'd like to look at my amendment, what are the differences between the amendment I plan to offer and the one that the proponents had? One is that as I read their amendment, if the parties do not agree on affiliation they are forced into merger. With mine, if the parties do not agree on affiliation then the county reorganization