

say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. Senator, this is amendment 966.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, and members, this is the affiliation amendment again, improved, workable and I might say that the motion that Senator Vard Johnson...or the amendment that Senator Vard Johnson put on there this morning effectively stripped out "affiliation" for all practical purposes. It did that in two ways. One, and most importantly, is that it gave the receiving district or the high school district absolute veto over the affiliation concept. So then when they get that veto, then the only other alternative is merger. Whereas, under my amendment here then if they can't agree, then they go to the county committee and the county committee decides how the affiliation will work. It makes the Class I pay a high school levy somewhere. The Class I board decides what affiliation plan they want to pursue, then they go to the Class III, the high school boards, and see if that is acceptable. If it is acceptable to them and to the Class I patrons, then you have affiliation, and so if you have a hundred percent of your students going to that one school, if you just affiliate with one school, it is very simple. They get all the valuation of that Class I applied against their mill levy. And so this meets the objection of tax equity that we have been hearing about, that the proponents have been talking about tax equity. This substitutes a levy instead of nonresident tuition. I am not sure too many people are listening. Are you listening? Okay, this is the amendment which makes affiliation work, affiliation work. If you believe in that concept and you previously did say that that was acceptable, then this makes it work. It lets the Class I school keep their grade school but they have to pay a high school mill levy. And now if they cannot agree with the receiving district on affiliation, then it is thrown into the county reorganization committee and this impartial group then makes the decision in regard to affiliation which is binding and that is the important difference between this amendment and the one that Senator Vard Johnson had adopted this morning. And the other item