

is transportation. Now under my amendment, the high school district will not be responsible for transportation. You know, those students from Class I districts that now go to Class III do not get transportation and they pay it themselves. This continues that system. Now the reason this is important is because the Class III will never agree to affiliation if they have to pay that transportation charge because that transportation is going to be significant. You have these big counties where it is 50 or 60 miles to town for those high school students. That is going to be a big charge. So the patrons are footing that bill now. They would continue to foot the bill under my amendment. Under the amendment you adopted this morning, the receiving district would have to foot that bill. It would be too high. They would never accept that sort of an arrangement. We have had a number of other amendments on the bill. I know you are tired. I know you don't want to hear about 662 anymore but I cannot impress upon you enough that this amendment needs to be adopted in order to make affiliation work. This meets the test of tax equity. Senator Landis the other day supported this amendment, a previous amendment. This has been worked out in greater detail which provides for the mechanics of it and I urge you to adopt the amendment to make affiliation work.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, then Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Landis, Senator Vickers. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to rise to endorse what Senator Lamb has said. The present bill as it sits now has for all practical purpose no affiliation in it. That has been pretty well stripped out. If you believe in the affiliation part, Senator Lamb's amendment puts it back in. But as the bill sits now for all practical purposes, there is no affiliation. It just won't happen. The other point that I think that Senator Lamb made that I think is very important is the matter of transportation. The Class III district is not going to accept transportation only on the high school level for that rural area out there because that would be a very expensive form...transportation is a very expensive item anyway and if you are just going to pick up high school kids, you are going to find that that is quite an expensive item that a Class III district is not going to assume. So from the standpoint of the transportation and from the standpoint of affiliation, if you believe in those two, I