

getting into that parceling out of the last little bits of the puzzle at least as far as we can get this year before we get that study done and now is the place in which my belief to conceive all of the ramifications out there runs dry. Senator Lamb has changed the net effect of 1989 completely with this amendment and it is the reason that I am not going to support the amendment right now. He says 1989 comes and there hasn't been a bargain, nobody has gotten together, they can't arrive at a mutually agreeable method, the county reorganization board is going to drop the hammer and it is going to be affiliation on my terms. I am not prepared to say that that is the appropriate methodology in 1989 and that is the only one we are left with under the Lamb amendment. It is not a school consolidation bill. It is a school affiliation bill and there is no opportunity for a county reorganization board to merge where logically merger makes sense where people can't agree. The notion of affiliation is a new idea. I agreed to it in concept on Select File. It is still in the bill. There is no severability language in there on that one and it is still there now. But what this Lamb amendment does that is unacceptable to me and makes me nervous is that it says 1989 comes, General File, the hearing, Select File, we knew what 1989 meant. If you couldn't make an agreement, if nobody could get their act together, there was going to be consolidation. Now Howard Lamb has taken my bill and crossed that out and said, nope, there will be affiliation, a new concept, one that does not have historical precedent and I am still attracted to the notion of affiliation. I think it may be possible through the course of this study that in some of those situations that Sandy Scofield's constituents find themselves, this is by far the best approach to use. But what I am not willing to say is that this is the approach that will be used in 1989 because it is the only one that makes sense. That I am not willing to do. What I want to do is to acknowledge the legitimacy of the affiliation mechanism. It is in the bill. That is a lot further than anybody else thought that the proponents would go and I think how affiliation could work evenhandedly would be one of the first orders for study and improvement. And school districts telling us what would be the most sense on transportation or not would be a valuable thing to know in evaluating that. How workable separating a high school budget from the rest of the budgets is, is something that we could learn from and we would know that. Whether or not there was any mutual benefit in using this kind of form will