

come to us in the course of this study and if so, this radically new concept can over study be made to work. I want it to work. I want it to remain in this bill but I am not prepared to say in 1989 that I know so much about it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that it is so well thought out that that should be the sum total of the powers of the county reorganization board to effectuate change. This is the idea that needs to be studied, not the merger idea, we have a long history of understanding how that operates. There are many, many examples to draw from and we know what that means. We do not know what this means. This deserves to be studied. And before I say that this is the end result of 662, affiliation, I have got to know a lot more about it. Because that is what the Lamb amendment does, I can't support it today. I can tell you that I am going to work hard in the course of the interim to find the workable way in which that concept can exist. If I can't make it work, I will throw in the towel on it and I will admit it, but I will work hard to make that happen. That is something I do need to study to flush out. I can't put that in place of what is a tried and true goal of 662, one with a long historical pedigree, that being merger.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Beutler, then Senator Scofield. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment. I will give him credit for this much, however. Senator Lamb is pretty wily. His amendment talks about an affiliation, but if you read the amendment and if you understand how the current law works in regard to tuition, they are basically the same thing. It is basically the same. It is called different. It has got different words but it will wind up working the same way. If you like what is happening right now, if you don't like 662, if you don't want to talk about any mergers, then I guess that is the way to go, but you might as well not pass anything because you are right back where you were. It says that the school district can affiliate with more than one school, first of all. Also Senator Lamb talked about transportation and how we should not require transportation because there was long distances involved in certain places and it was going to be a burden. The Education Committee this year