

close a Class I if they don't want to close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That's right, you are correct, Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: I think we're having...I see that as a serious problem down the road. In other words, right now we'll take a district A, that has two or three village schools that they've been contemplating closing, the way the law stands now they can close those, but they can't close the Class I's, which I think is going to create some serious problems. But I think the board...we should not further restrict the boards from closing some of the schools that were already in their district. I realize with 662 that is part of the agreement. But I'm not so sure that was a very acceptable part of that bill. But, nevertheless, I don't think we should extend that to the other villages that are already parts of the...as well as these schools within Omaha and Lincoln that you might have to close because of attendance. I think that would be an unreasonable request upon boards.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I've said many times on this floor I wish I had fewer friends and more votes. But then the point I want to make, in answer to Senator Beutler, is if it's constitutionally suspect, in the instance of a Class I and Class II, as we are handling it in my amendment, then I would suspect that the provision we have under the Lamb amendment may have a wee, tiny bit of suspicion also. So I would hope that you would support the amendment, but if you do not I think that you need to go back and re...look again at the Lamb amendment because you might have a little difficulty with that one also. Thank you very much. I ask for the bill to be returned.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill be returned for the Schmit amendment? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.