

impact on perhaps a number of communities in the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I've got a concern with five or six people gone and as tight as this is, I understand what the opponents are doing, and that is to bring it back. That is not Senator Scofield's intention, I am sure. I think she wants to make a good faith amendment. I run the risk of bringing the bill back for that purpose, adopting the amendment and then facing a call for a machine vote with five people gone. I'm not going to risk it to change September 1 to October 1 without some sense of clear understanding here, and without that being forthcoming I'm not in the position to fairly make that kind of a change.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I did take a look at Senator Scofield's amendment. I don't think her amendment reflects the best of policies in any event. I think that the amendment would provide a longer period of time for certain Class I districts to organize with Class VI school districts. I know that we intended, by the bill, to sort of freeze that time as of September 1, 1985, to allow an additional two years to make some decisions I think would not be the responsible way to go. But, again as Senator Landis points out, and very forthrightly, and as Senator DeCamp indicates this bill may have some historic inevitability, but I don't think it's all that inevitable. I would not take the risk of bringing the bill back, even for a small technical amendment of this nature, then have it stuck because a lot of people have now left at 4:06 p.m. So I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't really see any relationship between giving a little more time to study and changing these particular dates because the Legislature, next year if it so chooses, can change these dates. I suppose that would be the subject of the study rather than anticipating the study by changing the dates as Senator Scofield is changing right now. So I don't