

put in the bill yesterday.

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute.

SENATOR DEKAMP: I would urge you to adopt the amendment. I used the phrase yesterday, and I think it is accurate, LB 662 is a historic step. As long as you are doing the Class I's, which a number of us disagree with, as long as that appears to be happening, why not seize the opportunity and lay in place that cornerstone for the rest of this thing, the real problem, the financing system of education? That is what it does. It lays the big cornerstone, and it says you've got about three years to get the building on top of it. So I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Hoagland, followed by Senator Beutler, in the speaking order. I'm sorry. Senator Haberman is next, followed by Senator Hoagland, then Senator Beutler. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the amendment. I think it is a very, very important amendment that gives some direction to the body. It gives directions to the Department of Education. It gives direction to the people of the State of Nebraska and it sets a path or a pattern that we can follow. It is something concrete, it is something we need. It is something we are going to have to do anyway in the future. So I think the time is to do it now. We have the proper mechanism to do it. It will do nothing but enhance LB 662. I urge you to support the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hoagland to speak, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would rise to oppose this motion on a couple of grounds. First of all as one of the co-sponsors of LB 662 I've been very uneasy from the beginning about converting a K-12 reorganization bill into a massive bill dealing with the whole subject of refinancing public education in the state. We've had no public hearing on that issue, but since the time Senator Schmit's amendment was adopted, those of us who were proponents of LB 662 have suddenly had thrust on us this entirely new issue. I think it is further exacerbated