

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Okay, I appreciate that, Senator Lamb. Now let me ask you a second question. Am I correct that the county reorganization of school districts committees give one vote to each school district within that county?

SENATOR LAMB: I'm not sure how that reorganization committee is formed. I think it comes from each of the school districts in the county in some manner.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now my understanding, Senator Lamb, I have been told that the membership of the reorganization committee has one individual from each district within that particular county. But you can't either affirm or deny that I gather?

SENATOR LAMB: No, all I can say is that those reorganization committees have been in effect. The statute under which they were formed has been in effect, I'm sure, for many years. They have had the responsibility for reorganization over a long period of time.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I stand in opposition to this amendment. Let me just make a couple of brief points in opposition to it. First of all, as Senator Lamb indicates, under his amendment here the county reorganization committee, or the special committee created pursuant to this other section, is going to be the judge and jury. They are going to make the final decision. But the problem is that judge and jury is not going to be representative of the people in the county. If we have a county that has a Class III school district, and has ten Class I school districts, why that 11-member county reorganization committee is going to clearly be dominated by the ten Class I school districts. That is problem number one. So I think we know how their decision is going to go in terms of whether or not consolidation should be imposed, or whether or not affiliation, mind you affiliation in opposition over the objection of the receiving district, should be imposed because Senator Lamb's amendment would kick into effect only if there were a vote on affiliation and one or the other district refused to affiliate, if I am correct, Senator Lamb. So that means we have a situation here where the Class II or the Class III said, no thanks, they took a vote of the people in their district and said, we don't want it, that decision can be appealed to this final judge and jury under Senator Lamb's amendment, a jury