

and a judge that is not, in any respect, based on one man, one vote, or one man and one woman, one vote, but instead is based on one school district, one vote. Now problem number two with the Lamb amendment is if you scrutinize it carefully, lines 14 through 20, you'll see that there are no standards set out by which this committee is to make its decision. There are no criteria set out whatsoever giving it any guidance or any guidelines as to the basis upon which it is either to, number one, impose merger or, number two, oppose (sic) affiliation. That, of course, raises a significant question about the delegation of legislative authority because you are turning over to these committees, lock, stock and barrel, without any guidance whatsoever, the ability to make a very important decision in that particular area. So, for these reasons and others that I'm sure will be raised by others of the proponents of LB 662, I would urge you to vote against this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't feel that honestly speaking we are in a very constructive stage of debate at this particular point in time because now amendments are coming back that are redundant, essentially of amendments that were presented before. Again, this issue, it seems to me, presents the issue of a forced affiliation versus a voluntary or free affiliation. For the reasons that have been mentioned, I think that we should again reject this particular amendment. The county reorganization committee is not a happy committee situation, and not a very fair committee situation. I would bring to your attention that just a couple of years ago Ainsworth city schools, out in Ainsworth, Nebraska, came in with a proposition to change the county reorganization committee structure because what was happening out there is that Class I board members who controlled the reorganization committee were appointing people they felt would be good Class III representatives. That is the kind of thing that is going on in these reorganization committees, not to mention the fact that they are not equally or proportionately represented. So those reorganization committees are a problem in and of themselves. I don't think that it would be fair and equitable to everybody concerned to have a forced affiliation process through a reorganization committee that, of itself, is not property