

structured. So I hope you would reject the Lamb amendment once again.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, as has been pointed out to you we have plowed this field before, but I guess we'll plow it again. The issue before us is, I think, fairly simple. What the affiliation mechanism says, as it is right now, is that if I decide to move into your house, you have to make a decision as to whether or not you want to give me the key to let me move into your house. That is what the bill is right now. Senator Lamb is saying, with his amendment, that if I decide to move into your house and you decide you don't want to give me the key then some third party is going to decide, some third party that happens to be a friend of mine, is going to decide whether or not you have to give me the key. That is really the issue. It seems to me it is fair to say, look, if you don't want to give me the key, you don't have to give me the key, it is your decision. I think the way it is right now is the way it ought to be. So I would encourage you to reject the Lamb amendment. The part about the transportation, let me point out to you that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to separate that part that is used for extracurricular activities since it is the same buses. Let me also point out to you that it happens in many, many cases right now. As a matter of fact, there are several school districts that are in those positions of distances, such as the Halsey-Dunning School District, for example. It is a K-12 district, with a lot of distance involved. Why should it not be if it is fair for one rancher's child to be afforded an opportunity for transportation, why should it not also be fair to all other ranchers' children. As a matter of equity, as a matter of access, I suggest we leave the bill in the condition it is right now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, members, it gets very frustrating when you try to meet the objections of the people that are supporting the bill and they bring up objections, then I come in with an amendment which meets