

Committee. Joe Lutjeharms sits on that committee and there are a number of other individuals from communities, one is from Arlington, one is from Scottsbluff, one is from Lyons, one is from Plattsmouth and one is from Lexington. I'm still checking, I assume these are appointed individuals. I don't believe they are elected, I assume they are appointed, I will... I think the more important issue though here is, I don't really know what is going on here, but I think the art of compromise does require that both sides fight hard and give when it is necessary and I think both sides have done that. I think there has to be some concern for individuals in the process and there has to be some concern for the perception that those individuals have as far as the way the process works. I doubt that there is a single portion of this bill that will not have to be worked on again in the study process. I doubt that my amendment is any more perfect or less perfect than the entire bill. I find it sort of humorous that Senator Vickers would think that a silly little amendment like this, which really does not address a lot of the other problems this bill has, would be reason enough for me to change my mind. All I am trying to do is show a little concern for individuals out there and I think there has been mighty little concern for individuals expressed here lately. Good grief, if 90 miles from a school isn't a hardship, I don't know what is. I would urge you to help me adopt this. It puts it in there, it gives us something else to look at on this study committee and I'm just surprised that if there really is all the intentions to work this out and work as hard as everybody claims they will, I just...I, frankly, am baffled by the resentment and the resistance of this particular amendment. I think it is important the way the citizenry perceives their government. I guess if I were sitting out there as a downtrodden individual, wondering what my future means and may happen to my future in a very remote area, I would really wonder about the statements that were just made. Putting all of that aside, and I think we should and I think we should act on this bill and try to work the thing out, I would encourage you to join me in passing this amendment and let's get on with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of the amendment,