

there gets the same treatment even though he is farther from school as the one that lives close.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I think you make an excellent point, and I think based on that, I will support you because sometimes it is difficult to remember when you have not lived in the country that the guy furthest on the end of the road really does get discriminated against, the further out you live the tougher it gets. I think this amendment does a good job of recognizing that. I think I will support you. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Smith, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I rise to oppose this amendment as written. I think that where we have had a lot of talk here on both sides and I have been with the side that has been opposing this bill all the way through but I think that we need to be very careful too in what we are demanding. I am looking now, and selfishly, at my own district and the transportation is provided through reimbursement at this point. If those districts out there, or the district, the Class VI district that I am thinking of now, would have to buy buses and would have to buy enough buses in order to meet the needs of going in all directions in the county, and it would get worse as you went west, we would be imposing a much, much more expense as far as transportation service is concerned than just allowing for the reimbursement process that we do have in place right now. I think that there is a limit to what we can do for people and if we are providing for the reimbursement, and parents do care, they will see to it that their children get to the school district.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please, then Senator Pappas.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, Senator Remmers, and maybe I am misreading the language but I would have great trouble if I am reading this correctly, if an elementary school attendance site is closed, a Class II, III, IV, V, or VI school district shall