

property tax that in fact local school after local school simply cannot afford the quality of education that children need. State after state after state over the long pull have used the dynamic income and sales taxes to provide adequate financing support for local schools because state after state over time have recognized that local schools need to have state assistance to be able to survive in the latter part of the 20th Century. Schools have changed over time. We no longer simply teach just reading and writing and arithmetic. We teach computer technology. We teach foreign languages. We teach Latin. We teach vocational education. We provide for those children with special needs, handicapped children. We provide for those children who are emotionally disturbed. We pick up the slack where sometimes families leave off. The world has changed. It is a different world today than it was 100 years ago. For that reason the state must make even greater financial commitment to primary and secondary education of our children than it theretofore or heretofore has done. Thus, school finance is an integral part of a picture that includes school organization. In fact, if anything, I cannot think of a more appropriate subject to contain in this school organization bill than the school finance question because they are so totally integrated, one with the other. If we were to strip from 662 the financing language of Senator Wesely, that...

PRESIDENT: One minute. One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...Senator Wesely requires, it would be as though we have stripped two legs off the body.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis, and then Senator Harris.

SENATOR LANDIS: Perhaps if I am going to make a short comment, I will be able to defer the rest of my time to Senator Harris at the end of it. I only have two things that I want to add to the public debate. First, I think we, collectively as a body, and this state, collectively as a body, are prepared for an answer on this bill. We are ready to find out if the bill will pass and the fact that the galleries this time are empty as opposed to their overflowing capacity on other days leaves me to believe that the people are ready for our answer on 662 and I think we ought to give it to them today. Secondly with respect to