

motivations of the Governor who I think is acting in the best of faith, it seems curious to me that following a meeting of Republican only senators in a non-partisan Legislature that all of a sudden the kinds of remarks are being made this morning that are being made. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, then Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I do not support this amendment and I'm a Democrat and I didn't attend that Republican convention or meeting. Here's another one that did not. But I truly believe that this amendment that we attached to 662 was the right direction. It set into law that something had to be done and when I argued against 662 I felt that there was many districts out there, a lot of Class III schools that were in real trouble, especially the rural sector of those particular schools as far as taxation and we were not getting any relief. By attaching this amendment we were assured that we were going to get some relief, at least up to 45 percent. Senator Wesely mentioned that it would cost us \$13 million a year. Well, whatever, that \$13 million would have to be picked up from the property tax people if it wouldn't be picked up by the state. And I really don't think, we also don't need a special session, I really don't. I feel by this summer we could take our whole summer and work on it and come up with some solutions for taxation of schools, or remedies for the tax, property tax crunch we have with schools. As you all know, I've got a bill there and I've had it for years and it is an answer, but my better self told me that this was not the year and you can tell it, it is not the year. But at least we should get some relief and Senator Remmers' bill does give us some relief and I will support it. But if you get this amendment on, I'm just going to have to vote against it altogether. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, what a fine kettle of fish. No wonder people question the body of the Legislature and their motivation. LB 662 was probably debated far longer for days than any other bill that I have had the experience of debating in this body. Members brought out all the points. Senator Carsten and others raised the same questions. It sat around on the Governor's desk until the eleventh hour. Why didn't the