

Governor tell us before we passed it on Final Reading that he didn't like the financing and work against it as he has so many other proposals? The question has been raised, why didn't he veto those sections himself? And now we have to, or we're supposed to pull his chestnuts out of the fire. Back to the Legislature, and why now? Why in 505? That's a great mystery. Now I didn't support LB 662, but I didn't support it from the beginning and as far as I am concerned the education funding of that bill was the only redeeming feature of 662. This funding mechanism would hold harmless those small districts and some of those receiving districts from severe financial hardships. What poppycock! I think we should go ahead with 505, discussion. It should rise or fall on its own merits and for the proposal that it was. We have plenty of time to, if we want to, pull the Governor's chestnuts out of the fire. I oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, did you wish to speak while Senator Lamb is returning?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, that will be fine. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, if you go back to the original day in which this language, not exactly this language, but the forerunner of this language was placed in 662, you take a look at the vote count, there were two or three of the proponents of 662 who voted for it and 22 opponents. The same opponents who had opposed it all the way along General File, opposed it on Select File, opposed it on Final Reading, but it was an opportunity to create some baggage and that opportunity to create some baggage was taken by the opponents of the bill. It was, because there are several of the proponents of the bill who wanted to see some major property tax relief done in the bill. Language was offered, and the opponents very skillfully, I have to admire, frankly, the quick-wittedness of putting the hook in the mouth, reeling it in, sticking it in the bill. Once it was there it had to be worked with, move it around, but the opponents to taking this language out are the opponents to 662. It's not because they are committed to this language. It's not because they believe in this language as being the best, but because it is another chapter in the saga of 662. The very same people who have been up this morning demanding