

one...having everyone in a K-12 school district. I have no great problem with that. I philosophically feel that's the way it should be. But we just passed this bill the other day, the Governor signed it and we come back and now we're being asked to, you might say, line item veto part of the bill he didn't like. In regard to the meeting this morning, Senator Lowell Johnson and I live right down the hall from each other and we've been discussing some of the problems and some of the organization of the Republican Party. We had met with a few before and the invitations to the senators that were there this morning was extended before 505 was passed. Sure we talked about 505, but that was not the purpose of the meeting, but I don't believe I have to defend the meeting because don't tell me that those that mentioned the fact that we had this meeting haven't had meetings of their own. I think it's just a little bit hypocritical when you begin to question our motives in this area. I do think I offered a bill in good faith. It was not exactly the way that I wanted to go. I think that Senator Sieck and I had a bill last year and Senator Sieck is back with it this year. I didn't join with him because I thought it was kind of hopeless, but I think it's a better way to go than what we're doing on this, but I didn't see any hopes of going that direction. But I did see some hopes for some property tax relief. I have been committed to some property tax relief and 505 was directed in that way. Some reference that we should wait till the special session and get together, there isn't any reason that anything decided in a special session couldn't be repudiated again next year. We had a pretty good bill going in 505 until we began to, everyone wanted to hang a lot of things onto it, which is one of the things that happened with 662, but I don't believe that I have any apologies to make in regard to calling a meeting of some other Republicans this morning over at our apartment because I know it's not the only political meeting that's being held, but it was not called primarily for this issue. But I oppose the amendment. Those that want to line item veto 662 this morning all voted for the bill last week. Where were they last weekend? Did they know they were passing a bill that they could not accept? I believe that 662 has had its day and I think we should oppose the amendment today.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I almost feel guilty