

SENATOR LAMB: A roll call, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: A roll call has been requested. Mr. Clerk, you will proceed with a roll call vote.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1421 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Lamb amendment to the amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk? We are back to, then, the Vickers amendment as amended. The call is raised. Senator Vickers, on your amendment as amended now.

SENATOR VICKERS: Am I closing, Mr. President, or are there other lights on?

SENATOR CARSTEN: There are no other lights on. At this point, I would say that you were closing, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, otherwise, I would just wait and speak at closing, if there is any other...

SENATOR CARSTEN: No other lights on. You are now closing, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. I would like to ask for the adoption of the amendment and to indicate to you that regardless of what you may have heard or how you you may perceive the makeup of the committee, it is my intention and I can tell you it is the Department of Education's intention, in spite of the paranoia out there, and I guess I get really upset at people who are in a position in this state to levy taxes and think that they had ought to be able to do it without any control other than their own little board members who may be a hundred miles away from them and see only once a month, and they had ought not to have anybody looking over their shoulder at all, and that is the issue. That is one of the issues. That is one of the issues you just decided on. That is okay. I still think the study had ought to be as balanced as possible. For any part that I play in it, it will be as balanced as possible because I recognize that in the end to have any study mechanism that is not balanced, and then to expect to get a piece of legislation passed as a result of that study is