

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend. (Landis amendment appears on page 1178 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, in Lincoln we are to go to a seven school board member. This amendment does that in 1991, so we can do it after the census. It allows us to do it at the lowest cost with the greatest amount of public accountability between now and then. It leaves us with the system that we have until 1991. Then we adopt the seventh member, and we can do it in an easily redistricted fashion. I would move the adoption of the amendment. It affects only Class IV schools which is Lincoln.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Marsh, did you wish to speak on this?

SENATOR MARSH: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Wesely, on the motion.

SENATOR WESELY: I oppose the amendment, Mr. Speaker, members, and I would ask you to oppose it as well. This bill only affects Lincoln. Last year the Lincoln delegation had a bill dealing with the Lincoln School board, and we proposed that it go from six to seven members. We have a board that is now elected by district, and I support that, but there was a problem with the fact that we only had six members. They had a tie vote on the budget, three to three. There was some concern about that, so we proposed to go to seven members out of a seventh district. That was problem with a number of people about redistricting in the middle of the decade. So the proposal was to come up with a compromise. We worked out a compromise that for four years that seventh person is appointed by the school board, and the seventh person then serves as an appointment. Then in 1991 we go to a district election and add the seventh district. Now that was agreed to by all parties, and a few people, evidently, don't feel that that was something they want to stick with after we worked it out last year. So there is a proposal to change that, and I'm asking you not to change that, that in good faith that is what we had worked out as a compromise. Somebody has already filed to take a candidacy for that position. And I don't think that is right at this point to change the situation. So I would ask you not to vote for this amendment, to allow the compromise we worked out last year to