

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam Chairman, members, I come from a district that has two Class VI schools within it. They are working together without anyone pushing them, trying to establish the same type of system that we are going to mandate under this amendment to the rest of the state. And it has always been a lot easier to lead someone than it is to push them and I believe that the people within these Class VI districts when they see the need to have this type of action taken will take it upon themselves. And I can't understand when you have one...say you have two Class I districts within a Class VI, only two, one needs 50 cents and the other one needs a dollar. You have a common levy of \$1.50 so each one is levied at 75 cents. I don't quite understand that, that one will be able to have a little more money and the other one not enough again, so I am, at this point, until I can get a little more clarification on this and understand this a little better, I am going to oppose this amendment as it stands right now and I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I guess maybe I used the wrong word when I was talking about desires of a school district maybe to have the best for their children. Maybe I should have just used the word which was really in the back of my mind, and that was the most expensive, which of course we all know isn't necessarily the best. But I guess you should choose your words carefully and maybe I'll be more careful next time and I won't use best, I'll use the most expensive. That's what I really had in the back of my mind and I think that's what potentially can happen. I think we've had a full discussion of this issue and the discussion of the issue is simply bringing to mind something that Senator Moore raised early on and Senator Bromm raised it a little bit. Final Reading is not the place for the kind of a proposal that the common levy represents for a couple of reasons. It's chewing up all this time, we have no ability to amend the proposal that is before us and I'm not sure that we're going to have despite the amount of time that we will spend on it today, a full debate of all the issues that are involved. Quite frankly, if we hadn't been on Final Reading this issue would have been divided so we could have voted on the common levy as opposed to the in lieu of tax proposal. Maybe we would have voted up one, maybe down the other, maybe even both of them would have gone, but on Final Reading the procedure that we're using doesn't allow us to do