

structure of having school boards that run that school at that particular site. But I do think there ought to be a common levy just as there are in other school districts which have the same structure in the sense of a single high school, a single middle school and multiple elementary education schools. I urge your support of this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Wickersham, followed by Senators Robak, Bromm, Moore and Dierks. Senator Wickersham. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members of the body, I just rise to oppose this amendment today because in my district I have every class school except a IV and a V. I have many Class I's, Class II's, Class III's and a Class VI and apparently Class I's and VI's do not like this from the letters I get from my constituents. I do, however, have a Class III, regular Class III, oh, I have three or four Class III's, so you can see I represent a wide variety of schools, a wide variety of people. But for most of my constituents, they really like to have their Class I's and their Class VI schools exist and we've heard a lot today how we do not know how 1059 affected this bill at all because there doesn't seem to be any information on which school will be hurt, which school will be helped. And if I remember correctly, a few years ago we did pass 1059. It was supposed to equalize the funding and equalize the schools in our state and the poorer schools were supposed to get more help than the so-called rich schools and so that was supposed to take care of this problem. Apparently it didn't work, maybe it did work. And then 1059 was put on the ballot as a referendum by the voters of the people and I would just like to point out to my colleagues that it was the rural and outstate Nebraska that passed 1059 on the ballot. They passed it on the ballot. They didn't repeal 1059. It was not Omaha or the metro areas. I just wanted to bring that out to your attention and if 1059 is working, then I think we should remember that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Withem, there's something about the finance system that I don't, there's a lot I probably don't understand, but one thing in particular I don't understand. Let's take Senator Jones' district out there and this one Class I within the VI is getting \$200,000 of state aid. Now we combine all those districts so they have a common