

out there. I mean, it is within the will of this body on a sleepy day with the right type of provision and the right amendment offered to, in fact, abolish Class VI school districts. They don't exist by any other will than by the power granted to them by the State Legislature in the past to exist. They could be wiped out. This amendment does not do that. Let me tell you one other thing and not get into too much of the merits in discussion of the bill, but let me make an offer to people. Normally deals are cut if they're cut at all in the back rooms, in the corner of the Chamber. I'm going to offer to the opposition to this amendment a proposal and it came from Senator Robinson when he was giving his remarks before. If I can paraphrase Senator Robinson, he said, in effect, this makes sense to him but the fact that we're leaping into it and putting it into effect immediately this next school year troubled him. And I was listening, Senator Robinson. Doesn't happen all that often but I was listening in this particular case and I thought he made some good sense perhaps. So what I have done is I filed an amendment and it's being distributed, which strikes the '93-94 effective date on this bill and reinserts a '95-96 effective date on this bill. That would give two years for getting the house in order and a sense of comfort knowing what's coming down the road when we move to the common levy. I will offer that if this amendment is adopted. If this amendment is not adopted, there will be no need to but there will be, I'm sure, more and more proposals coming in next legislative session and the issue will continue to be fought out in the Legislature. If this is adopted, then as far as I can see into the foreseeable future, there's no more need to do any structural change...

**SPEAKER BAACK:** One minute.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** ...as it relates to a Class VI. That issue will be behind as affiliation is behind us now. The mandatory reorganization of free standing Class Is is behind because we've done affiliation and the school districts are going through that. If my amend...if this amendment is adopted, I will then offer the '95-96 delay and then that will settle the Class VI structural issue as far as I'm concerned. That's what I plan on doing and I would urge you to support this amendment at this time and then I think Senator Wickersham has an amendment up there dealing with only the in lieu of tax issue and because of the drafting concern that he mentioned before, I think maybe as long as it's there we ought to go ahead and adopt that one also.