

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have distributed on your desks a scenario which has been drawn up by the fiscal office which really describes how Senator Warner's amendment would work with a subsequent amendment that he will have on the A bill. And Senator Scofield and Senator Bernard-Stevens have an amendment to Senator Warner's amendment, and then I have an amendment to the amendment. So you can see the difference there if you'd care to look at that. There are a lot of numbers there, but, if you look at it carefully, it is really not too confusing. You look at city schools, et al, greater than 1 percent, that is the next to the last column, there is really...that column and the last column are the two that I am essentially dealing with. What my amendment does is it says if there is \$4.2 million, then that money would go to what is commonly called the big five, that is the cities, counties, school districts, NRDs, and the ESUs, I believe; no, community colleges. And you see that in the next to the last column. That is...mine is the same as Senator Warner's there, and, under the Scofield-Bernard-Stevens amendment, if there is only \$4.2 million in the spot, the big five would get 67 percent funding over 1 percent, the small subdivisions would get 67 percent funding. So you have three choices on this sheet. If you take my amendment, the big five get 100 percent at 4.2, and the smaller subdivisions get nothing. That is the same as Senator Warner's. Senator Scofield and Senator Bernard-Stevens would have the big five get 67 percent funding, over 1 percent, and then the small subdivisions of fire districts, the others, ESUs, other political subdivisions would get 67 percent of their total loss. Now if as many people think the total funding is going to be 5.9...5 million, you'll notice that is under Section 2 of the committee amendment that says we'll go to instead of 4.2 million dollars it will be 5.9, then that is where mine is slightly different from the other two amendments. Mine would still...at that point, you'd have 100 percent reimbursement to the big five over 1 percent. You would have 100 percent reimbursement to the other subdivisions of government, and that is not just over 1 percent for them, it's 100 percent of their total loss. Under Senator Warner's proposal, you'll see that the increased funding, up to 5.95, is distributed slightly differently. Some of the other cities and so forth of less than 5 percent share, slightly, and the other subdivisions also share in their total loss. So if you want to look at those columns, it's my thinking that the big five are