

April 5, 1994

LB 902A, 1031, 1087, 1210, 1257, 1290

CLERK: Mr. President, new A bill, LB 902A, by Senator Wickersham. (Read LB 902A by title for the first time. See page 1727 of the Legislative Journal.)

Amendments to be printed, Senator Ashford to LB 1087; Senator Cudaback to LB 1257; Senator Avery to LB 1031; Senator Hall to LB 1210. (See pages 1727-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, 1290 on Select File, no E & R, however, I do have an amendment from Senator Warner and Wickersham. Senator, AM3649. I have a note, Senator, you want to withdraw 3649...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Warner.

CLERK: ...and substitute 4339.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. (AM4339 appears on page 1719 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Warner, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think this amendment is still...I thought this amendment had been passed out and it hadn't been, so it is being reproduced. But we can talk about it and you will have it in your hands, hopefully, before we get too far along. This amendment is to 1290. LB 1290, you will recall, as introduced, delayed the implementation of using valuations by school district or by counties for the...whichever. That was scheduled to go into effect this year. It's had a lot of discussion. The amendment that is being offered and was cosigned by Senator Withem and Wickersham and myself includes these following items. Current law, you will recall, the data that is used for determining state aid in a school district is two-year-old data for both the student count, as well as the expenditure data. This moves it up to one year old only, so it makes it much more rapid. In addition, it will use a fall membership count instead of a final count of the previous year. And it can be adjusted later on even in that current year, but in that process there really is no need any longer for the...for the extra growth that might have occurred in a school district because the data essentially will be current in any event. The important thing is that it will use for determining the distribution of state aid the 1994 assessment data that the Department of Revenue is putting together. It retains the concept of Senator Wickersham's