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SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, but...and you're shutting it off after that? Part of what you're doing in this amendment is shutting off future use of this?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You might want to...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. I will support it under those circumstances. I just wanted to be clear. Maybe the body wanted to understand it better, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to say that I reluctantly rise in support of the amendment. I feel that this has really been an excellent incentive program for schools in encouraging them to seek some consolidation or some unification. I...I can speak to that because I had a school involved in the effort. There are additional costs when schools do first consolidate. So I understand the constraints that we're under, but I just wanted to put those words on record that it certainly is a good program and that we may have to see how things...how things go. Because a school consolidation, I mean, it does take time. It just isn't something that happens overnight or even within a year if it's going to be a successful consolidation. So, with that, I will support the amendment, but, as I say, reluctantly.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support AM1641. I think it's been a good program. It's been very useful to a lot of schools that have consolidated and I think there's a lot more to come. But, in light of the revenue situation, I think it's probably the appropriate thing to do. I