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state aid bill which is on Select File, that will guarantee that state aid snaps back to the status quo in the '05-07 biennium. Incidentally, this may surprise you, but I will support that amendment. If we're going to have a state aid formula, if we're going to make this promise to the schools about how much of the load we're going to carry, then we have to keep the promise. Now I've heard the word "flexibility" used to describe what we're doing with the state aid formula this year. I don't see it that way. Our formula produces a number that is called certified state aid. In my dictionary, "certify" means make certain; "certified" means guaranteed. I think I've mentioned before that my wife has been a teacher and an administrator in the public schools and the private schools, and she can't believe what we're doing this year in state aid. She can't believe that our system puts a number out there in February that is supposed to be our commitment, our share of K-12 spending that the schools rely on, and then three months later, after administrators have hired personnel and set their budgets for the next year, we're going to pull back by 70-some million dollars on our commitment to fund K-12 education. Or maybe those administrators haven't been able to set their budgets yet because they're still waiting in May to decide what to do next year to see how much we jerk them around. I don't blame educators one bit for saying, hey, you legislators made the rules for this game; we didn't make them; we're trying to follow them, we're trying to play by them; you can't change these rules on us in the middle of the game and then call it flexibility. If we're going to say that certified state aid is really flexible state aid, then we have no formula. All we have is a suggestion. All we have is a very complicated and very expensive way of generating a suggestion. And then, if we don't like the suggested number, we'll just use this other number that works better for us, or we'll do what we're doing this year, which is change the dials on the machine, change the settings in the formula so that the formula produces this other number that we want it to produce. What we're doing this year proves that the state aid formula does not work. We're trying to pretend like this is all part of working within the formula. What we're really doing is putting "King Kong" on a diet for two years and then turning him loose on the budget in the next biennium. We have a problem. And Senator Bourne told us last week that too