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have, but I'll stop there. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the Education Committee amendments with AM3027. (Legislative Journal page 1061.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this carries on with the area that Senator Raikes was talking about and goes...sets the levy limit at \$1.10. Difficult for everyone, I know, to accept this, and we had the intense discussion in our committee about this, and most of this was brought on as a result of the drop in revenue on February 27. I call your attention to page 5, if you want to read this instead of listen to it, about what this proposal does of going to \$1.10. Extending the levy limit to \$1.10 would result in General Fund savings of \$102 million over the two-year period, in addition to the \$155 million savings inherent in LB 1093 as advanced, which would be the \$1.05. At a \$1.10 levy limit, state aid would decline by \$7.1 million the first year, in '05-06, but, importantly I think, but increase \$52.1 million, 8.2 percent, in '06-07, for an average growth of 3.5 percent over the two-year period. The most important thing I think that you need to consider, and I hope that you seriously consider this, is the fact that this is needed as much as anything for planning purposes among the school districts. One of the criticisms I hear over the years, and I've probably said the same thing, is the fact that we don't know what's ahead; give us some warning; give us some warning in what you're going to do; tip your hand; give a turn signal, if you will; give a signal, if you will; doesn't have to be a turn signal. But this is a signal that looking out is not too bright at this point, but it also allows us to send a signal to the school districts that they are going to be more responsible for their budget in the out two years. There may not be the state aid that we've been accustomed to trying to do to reach the goal that we've tried to do. On the other hand, a year from now we'll probably well be sitting here debating this same issue and hopefully there would