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but I supported the philosophy. However, now the reverse of that argument is being made. He is saying, okay, you have got that assumption. Let's reverse that assumption. You are going to be inconsistent if you don't now support the idea that we can reverse the costs. Again, let me point out to you that the assumption that is faulty lies in the bill and you cannot reverse that assumption and have good policy. Go back to the example, the twenty five students in the classroom. Senator Dworak says if there are now twenty students in the classroom instead of twenty five, you should be able to reduce costs by 20%. Again, incorrect. The costs are in place. They constitute the salary of the teacher, the fuel for that room, the construction of that facility and they do not change with the population growth. Population and costs are two different factors. There is a relationship but it is not a direct equivalent. I think that the bill in its present form is faulty by incorporating that concept, however, Senator Dworak cannot reverse that concept, that faulty assumption and then try to catch us in a discrepancy or an inconsistent position. There is a more sophisticated economic law at work here than what the Dworak amendment takes into account. Therefore, I will be voting against this Dworak amendment. What it seeks to do is reverse a faulty assumption that now lies in the bill but it would only compound the problems of the bill to do so and I will vote against this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, Senator Landis is right on target and Senator Landis is very consistent because he supported the first amendment and he pointed it out. He is absolutely right on this amendment and so because of that I am going to ask for unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment but he is right on target and I think we ought to reconsider the concept of the first amendment which was valid, which made a lot of sense and one that would have solved a lot of problems as far as what growth is and what population is and so I would ask for unanimous consent in deference to the Speaker to not take up any more time making this point and request that we withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. Proceed, Mr. Clerk. Is there another motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dworak moves to amend the