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PRESIDENT: Motion fails on Keyes' amendment #7. That will conclude the Keyes' amendments. Are there any other amendments now on the desk?

CLERK: Well, does Senator Koch want to offer his amendments to the committee amendments?

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, did you wish to offer yours...?

SENATOR KOCH: I will hold them until it gets to Select File.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thanks, Senator Koch.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell now moves to amend the Warner amendment previously adopted to strike 3% and insert 1%.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment was adopted by one vote, the Warner amendment which inserted the provision that you cannot allow for the growth factor until it reached 3%. Now one of the problems with this is very simple. If you are going to have a growth factor, you ought to have a growth factor. If you are not going to have a growth factor, you ought to take the growth factor out. I offer the 1% because I do think that just the 1% to change is one that is very minimal and for that reason that most school districts ought to be able to absorb it. 3% I think is a problem especially for those districts in urban areas which are growing and for that reason I offer this amendment. I think it is a reasonable amendment. I would hope that it is adopted. I think with this that we may not have to deal with this section again as others have proposed. For that reason I offer the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, the Warner amendment was a good amendment. The limitation of 3% is a good limitation. It is reasonable. We are going to make this thing a sham if we keep picking away at it. We just let out utilities on the Keyes' amendment. Now we are saying we can't live with just a 3% growth without an immediate budget reaction. You know, I think we