

who have been impacted for a number of reasons. I can name you several that might need this type of legislation... Sutherland, Alliance, Millard, Elkhorn, because of some strong growth patterns. Now I used Millard because I know that best. If they use the ratchet year, which would be the most favorable that they have had the last three years, in anticipating their budget demands for this next year they're going to be the first school district to line up and go to the polls, simply because they cannot meet the fiscal demands of a district that grows in excess of a thousand students per year and opens several new buildings, hires new teachers. I think several senators were briefed here by the Superintendent of that school system. What this bill does, very quickly, is allows this type of an entity of government to use the average of their last three years of their growth for their increase in their budget. Now they would not be allowed to use the factor of increase in number of students. For instance, let me give you an example. If Millard increased their budget for the past three years...17, 18, 19 percent...in this case Millard would be able to use what, they'd be able to use the 18 percent factor. That's it. Presently the way they anticipate, Millard would be able to use 14.25 percent. Senator Simon can verify this, Senator Stoney can, I think, and some others. Now if we want a district such as this to constantly be doing nothing but going to the polls without some reasonable options, then that's what we're going to do. They're going to be spending money for brochures for polling and for elections to try annually to get the monies they need for a basic educational program. I don't believe this body is willing to be so rigid in its thought process that they will not provide, particularly when they know some unique subdivisions of government who have problems, to use the three year average for that prerogative of getting their budget. I think Senator Simon handed around to each of you two pages of the Millard system showing you their costs. I am submitting this on behalf of the School Board of Millard and as I say, Elkhorn, which is another rapidly growing district, Alliance, Sutherland...in fact, this year I think we had a bill on Sutherland in regard to how they could get aid to some of their children, and this body dealt with that, and that was unique to Sutherland. So I'm asking you to accept and adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to thank Senator Koch for presenting this amendment, and he mentioned four school districts and two of them are