

introducer. What we are talking about, not a new source of revenue. School lands and funds have been around a long time as placed in the hands of trustees who make determinations on how it shall be apportioned. I've been around this body not only as a senator but as a lobbyist and on numerous occasions we have discussed the formula on school lands and how they shall be distributed to school systems. Therefore, since there was an oversight on Senator Warner's bill, when we went from mills to dollars and cents on hundreds of dollars of evaluation, what we were talking about here is the formula again. The same dollars are going to be there. You might correct that to 100% or whatever it might be or 143%, but there also has to be a formula which has to be looked at in relationship to that to make certain that those schools who now are showing up with a shortfall of those dollars, do not get more than they deserve in terms of formulas originally as it was applied to this issue. It doesn't make any difference to me as an individual nor as the chairman of the Education Committee but historically school lands and their formulas has been referred to the Education Committee. So I don't believe we're making a big mistake here today if we rerefer it to the Education Committee for their deliberation because there is a third bill which we hold in our committee right now and held it there intentionally which applies a formula. Now if you want to take Senator Haberman's bill that is your decision, to put it in the Revenue Committee, that is your decision. If you do that I suggest then that we just withdraw 572 on behalf of the Education Committee and speak only to 570 and then let us all have our hands in terms of the formula which we are going to argue about either in the Revenue Committee or on the floor of the Legislature. I think the Education Committee would get the formula the way we think it would be the most fair to all parties that we're talking about which are public schools and get it done there and come to the floor and say, "This is the best way we can do it under the present circumstances."

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Vickers' motion to rerefer these first two bills. As Senator Koch has indicated these bills have to do with the distribution of funds by the State Department of Education. It's how the funds are distributed. It's not how much is raised or how it is raised. It's how the funds are distributed back to the schools. Now this is a function that the Education Committee has always assumed and I think Dr. Rodgers' recommendation was that these first two bills go to the Education Committee. The Reference Committee I believe made a mistake in overruling