

Carried. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have your AM1165 in front of me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. This puts a different way of distributing the money to municipalities on 683. You will recall that currently under the MIRE bill, as we have started calling it, the money goes to municipalities on the basis of population. The amendment that I offer is an amendment that is based to some extent on the recommendations of the Syracuse Tax Study made in terms of trying to come up with some kind of needs-based formula and allocate money out on that kind of formula. So that we take the...the language in the amendment says the smaller the per capita income of the municipality is compared to the per capita income in all municipalities, the more funds that municipality will receive compared to other municipalities. So in other words, the intent of this is simply to target those municipalities that are the poorest and, thus, it shifts the allocation to help those communities that are most in need. I think this is appropriate in that those communities that are most likely to have infrastructure problems are the least likely to be able to come up with some money to attend to them, and so this would, in fact, shift money out to the poorest communities consistent, again, with the philosophy put forth in the Syracuse Study. If you will take a look at the amendment as printed, and that is printed in the Journal, isn't it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator, it is not.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: It is not printed.

CLERK: No.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I guess we had better distribute that then. Let me just walk through, Section 5 is really the meat of the amendment. I apologize, I was under the impression we had had that printed and, apparently, it is not. Section 5 reads as follows: The municipal allocation amount shall be determined for a given municipality as follows: (a) Divide the municipality's per capita income by the total municipal per capita income to get the municipality's index;...this is going