

another one of those, and I would ask you, you know, even if you like the way it sounds, to wait and not vote for it today. Let Senator Scofield offer her amendment, after it has been printed in the Journal, bring the bill back from Final Reading, before you consider it because you are getting into this factor of what determines a city's ability to fund projects. Is it the wealth of the individuals in terms of income? Or is the amount of property valuation that they have to tax in their area? You have a very wealthy group of people living in a community, but if you don't happen to have a lot of property in that community to tax, you don't have the ability to finance these particular projects. It is the old wealth determined by income of its residents versus wealth as determined by the property valuation that is in a district. Having said that, and saying I am not going to vote for the Scofield amendment or I urge others not to vote for it also, I would support the idea of a genuine needs determination onto this bill. I wasn't going to bring it up here. I wasn't going to work at it. I was thinking maybe of after the MIREF bill gets put into statute coming in next year with maybe a cleaner version of a concept, that would be one where rather than each community in the state getting some dollars, that we set up some needs assessment types of things, setting up a pool and having communities compete for that pool so it will be genuinely distributed to projects that are real infrastructure projects as opposed to just a few dollars going into a small community that won't do a whole lot of good. I urge you to be very careful about voting yes on an amendment that you haven't really seen through no fault of Senator Scofield. She thought it had been published in the Journal and it had not been. I don't fault her for that but I urge you very strongly about voting in favor of an amendment that you haven't even seen that shifts dollars around because the surest way to develop a donnybrook in this Legislature is to start distributing dollars based on factors, you know, that are need oriented versus population oriented, that are property valuation definition of need versus income of citizens definition of need. This may, in fact, be a decent method of distributing the dollars but I am not going to support it until I get a much stronger sense of how the dollars are going to be distributed if the Scofield amendment is adopted. I would urge you not to support the Scofield amendment at this point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, I think given the complexity