

SENATOR WITHEM: That is my understanding for the first year. I don't know what it will be as the system progresses down into its full implementation. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: I guess my...my point is if it's...if it's good...

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, it's my time, Senator Lamb. You can make your point, I guess. I was asking if we knew the dollar figure.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, no, but just based on that \$3 million...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, fine, I appreciate that.

SENATOR LAMB: ...that figure.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's fine. That's fine. I just wanted to know if we knew what the impact is going to be. I don't...I'm not going to support it at this time. I may end up supporting it later on if I can get the statistics that will show that it's a good idea. That's the only point I was making with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Schellpeper, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the Lamb amendment. I think it's a very fair amendment. Whether we do it now or whether we do it later, I have no problem with that. But I think one thing that we need to remember that if we pass the Lamb amendment, we are not penalizing the low tax districts because, at the present time, with 1059 you are penalizing those low tax districts to help the high tax districts. I think it's a very fair amendment. In rural Nebraska, we have several districts that will be penalized and I think we should not be penalizing somebody that has been running a good school. So I think it's a very fair amendment and I really support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the amendment, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I support the Lamb amendment out of desperation. I don't think that I can find very much that I can support in the bill, but I just want to