

that, I will say I have supported the committee amendments. I even voted for a partial hold harmless system, 100 percent for one year, 80 for another, and 60 for another. But we must be willing to be weaned away from the unfairnesses of the past. We must be willing to take our licks for where in the past we have had systems that were unfair and to make over time an adjustment to a system that's based on need, rather than the privileges of old political deals and fights on the floor and the buyings off that happened in previous generations.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: My closing remark is this, I will oppose the Lamb amendment but I'm a supporter of this bill. I can tell you this, that there is not an endless amount of patience among the urban taxpayers that will wind up funding this shift. It is not a bottomless pit. It is not a well with no end to it and, frankly, you've got to be able to bite the bullet and stop the piling on. You've got to make sure that we go with what was largely the committee's work and the commission's work and the task force's work and not add the nickel and dime and the buyings off and the old way of doing business that said we have to live by the computer printout so that nobody loses anything, regardless of whether there was sense in the way the money was originally sent out to various school districts. There is not an endless will to support 1059 from myself or I suppose from others of my colleagues who face the same kind of choices, and this moves...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...us to the breaking point. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, would you care to discuss the Lamb amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Landis said it very well. He said many of the things that I wished to say. The amendment that Senator Lamb is proposing, I would like to bring your attention to one of the horrible examples that he made of Hayes County. Hayes County is a fairly large county, has one town in it, approximately two to three hundred people. Very little, very little commercial enterprises in Hayes County. Ninety-five percent or more of the valuation is agricultural. It shows that there is a large amount of valuation per student.