

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm going to yield the rest of my time back to Senator Labeledz.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I have one more minute but I do want to say that I am very disappointed in the Association of School Boards for appearing in front of the Revenue Committee opposing LB 346 and also in the material that I received today in the mail saying that they should vote against LB 346. As I said, I cannot vote for LB 1059 without the tuition tax credit amendment on there, but I'm going to respectfully ask the Clerk to withdraw this amendment too, but to immediately put it in as an amendment on Select File if LB 1059 advances. Mr. Clerk, I respectfully ask you to withdraw the amendment and then put it in on the Select File, if this bill advances. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner's amendment is on page 649 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment, like the Clerk said, is on page 649, and what it would do is say that we would have this lid that is on the bill for three years. As I interpret this section the way it is written now, the lid of 4 percent is only for one year and I really don't believe that when you put a lid in a bill for one year it's really a lid. I was told that there was a lid in the bill and it was more than a one-year, but by my interpretation I believe it's only for one year. This is a 4 percent lid which would be allowed to go up to 6.5 percent depending on your increase in enrollment, and then you could go up one more percent if it was approved by three-fourths of the governing board. Also, if it created a hardship and you had an emergency, you could go beyond that with a majority vote of the voters in that district. But I really don't think it's a lid when it's only for one year, and this is why I'm offering this amendment. Why do we need a lid? Well, I believe we need a lid because we want to be certain, we want to be sure, we want to be