

because we put together a list of amendments we thought would...needed to be done, but are relatively noncontroversial. So, what we are doing with the following, let me explain those, at least the major ones. If you have any questions about any of them, please raise them. Obviously, if there is one that you don't think ought to be included within the bunch and needs more discussion, you have rights, under the rules, to ask that that be set aside. AM2821 is in your Journal on page 1198. I am going to be, frankly, working very directly from my handout here, if you want to follow along. If you remember your explanations of the budget limitation, under LB 1059, there is a range from 4 percent to 6.5 percent. Those districts spending at or above their per pupil average for their tiers are capped off at the 4 percent range. As a school district ratchets away from...downward, in per pupil expenditures, from the average, they get increased spending. Under the current bill, if they spend 50 percent below the per pupil average of their tier, they can go up as high as 6.5 percent. We wrote this before we had all of the printouts done. When the printouts were done we did analysis to it. We find that there are virtually no school districts in the state that would be as high as the 6.5 percent on the budget limitation. The intent of the commission's report was to allow some additional room for those lower spending districts to catch up with their spending. We are saying that from looking at the analysis, 20 percent of variance from the per pupil average is probably more appropriate. There still, frankly, won't be nearly as many districts spending at the 6.5 percent budget limitation as I thought that there would be. There will be some with the way this is...amendment is adopted. The other thing is that...the next amendment concluded within in this is, if you remember that Senator Hefner took a one-year budget limitation, made it a three-year budget limitation, both Senator Hall and Senator Warner had language drafted as amendments that say that the budget limitation will stay in effect until it is changed by the Legislature. So that really, probably, is a strengthening of the lid requirement, even beyond what Senator Hefner had done on General File. Under nonfiled amendments, some things that we are talking about doing that need to be done. Many of them are primarily clarification, like B(1), clarification of the budget limitation is based on General Fund budget of expenditures as opposed to operating expenditures is a clarification of terms. Clarification of receipts from private foundation, individuals will not be counted as an other actual receipt of the school district, thus reducing state aid. We thought we did that on General File. This is a clarification