

income taxes is if there is the guarantee with some sort of lid in there, and what I say that increased spending is going to go for, it's going to go to, and if you loosen the lid any more than the special ed provision, you are in danger of pulling out the bottom card that may bring the whole deck of cards tumbling down. Yes, I will support the special ed exemption given the fact that the state funds are at 90 percent a year in arrears, given the fact this is state mandate and out of the control of the local school district, I can support it. It is a legitimate exemption but I think it should indeed be the last one this body grants on this bill. I think by doing this we still make sure there is still more cheese than holes in our lid, but if we go further than this, we could be in danger. I do support all three portions of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, would you like to close, or are you the one that is to close?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, just a very brief closing. I think that we've discussed the provisions of the amendment. It is a very substantive amendment. This is making some very sweeping changes in the bill and it is something that we need to be serious about. I think they are good changes. I think they make the bill that much better and I think they're going to make the bill a little more flexible, the lid is going to be a little more flexible with the provisions in there for special ed. That is certainly going to help. I think it's going to help to have the minimum levy concept in there because I know that some of my districts are going to have a much easier time selling this to their patrons by being able to say at least all districts are going to have to have some contributory level for property tax, and I think it does that. And I appreciate the conversation and I would simply ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Baack-Kristensen amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Baack's and Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have was one by