

Senator Landis, I don't know who introduced it with Senator Landis, who introduced this with you, Senator Landis, just you? Senator Landis introduced this amendment specifically on the behalf of Lincoln Public Schools and they have a particular problem with the bill. I actually think the public schools had more than one problem with the bill, one of which was the item contained in the last amendment, and we said, yes, you have a point. And I am firmly convinced Lincoln Public Schools is going to do all they can to get their lid under this bill up to double digits because there already is a growth factor in the bill. The way the growth factor works in the bill is if you are a growing district, you project the number of students that you will grow, multiply that times...well, 104 percent if you're on a 4 percent lid, another 105 percent if the board votes to go the additional 1 percent, you know, things like that. I mean, that is addressed in the bill. There is a growth factor in the bill. Now Senator Landis makes the argument that, yes, there is a growth factor in the bill but when you go across the threshold to build an additional building, it does not react to that. And I suppose Senator Landis and I can argue back and forth on whether or not the present lid in the bill is sensitive enough to that. I happen to think it is. But I will oppose Senator Landis's amendment because it is on down that rocky road of creating exemptions in the lid in LB 1059 which is the lid that makes it palatable enough for many members of this body to vote for. And when you start playing around with the lid, start getting a...when a 4 percent lid becomes, in actuality, a 10 percent lid, I think you've created real problems and some real marketing problems for many members of the Legislature. The lid contained in LB 1059 is reasonable. There is a growth factor. With the last amendment we just adopted, we acknowledged that Lincoln has some problems and the special education amendment is good statewide, but it is to specifically to help Lincoln out. As I said, I do not think they are going to be happy until they have a bill that actually gives them a 12, 15, 20 percent lid, I don't know what it is. The fact of the matter is, I mean, no pain, no gain. If you have a lid that doesn't mean anything, you're insulting us, you're insulting the taxpayers and things like that. I mean, many will argue that the present lid in the bill isn't adequate enough. I know Senator Warner had an amendment to take the lid out of there because he will argue that it doesn't do that much already. The state chamber, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce have already argued the lid isn't tight enough the way it is. If you adopt Senator Landis's amendment, you're further eroding that lid and you're