

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything further, Senator Hefner?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I do not believe that it is germane because my amendment says that if they are attending a parochial school and go part-time or take a class or two in a public school, then the public school could claim some state aid. Whereas, LB 346 says that this state aid would go to a parochial school. So I think there is quite a little difference.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, in the opinion of the Chair, the matter is germane. It speaks to the distribution formula and it occurs to the Chair that it does include all state aid. Any other comment? Back to a discussion, then, on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Labeledz, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I thought we finished that this morning but I rise, again, in strong support of Senator Hall's amendment, and I could tell by the tone of his voice, he is serious and he wants this and I want it, so I urge the members of the Legislature to adopt the amendment to Senator Hefner's amendment. It is a good thing to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. It is getting that time of day where we have been here quite awhile. Tensions, as people have mentioned, the levels of frustration have been pretty high, particularly with 12 days remaining. A lot of times you don't get this type of frustration until you get to the last three days. And if I were someone opposed to 1059, I would be hoping for a moment like this. I would be hoping that there they have gone, they have done it now. Those that are in support of 1059 are starting to fight among themselves. There it is, if I don't get mine, I might be off the bill. If I don't get this, I might be off the bill, and if I were in opposition to the bill, I would say, hooray, hooray, we found our way, 1059 come again another day. My point is this, on LB 346, Senator Labeledz's argument this morning were a valid argument, and as she knows, I voted in favor of LB 346 and would continue to vote if given a chance to vote on LB 346 up or down by itself in favor of that, or if it was attached on another particular bill. However, on 1059,