

obviously, in my opinion, and I may not be correct but the votes aren't there because of the nature of the bill, and Senator Hall has a very, very good point. He has a right to be a little bit upset because, in essence, what we are, basically, saying is though we did not support LB 346 on one side, here we go for a different reason saying that because of public schools taking some private schools, we want to make sure that they can have some increased state aid, but we are not willing to recognize the other benefits. And I can see and share his frustration on that, but I also, Senator Hall, understand that the politics of division can bring down the mightiest of goals, and the picture of 1059 is one of those where we have a chance to refinance our public schools, give an equal opportunity for education, to be a little proactive instead of waiting for the courts to decide that our system is unconstitutional and we lose that local control, the goals of what we are trying to accomplish in 1059 are still the same. Senator Hefner offers an amendment, it gets Senator Hall very upset, and I can certainly understand that. I think if the situation were reversed, Senator Hefner would probably be a little bit steamed right now as well. But what I would ask for people on both sides is that maybe this is not the time to solve this particular issue. Maybe this is one we can pull back from a little bit so that the attempts and the goals of 1059 are not compromised to the point that we gain nothing, lose everything, and for particular pieces that were not in the long run that important. And, Senator Hefner, I might just put a thought out there that the impact is small, no question about it. We are looking at about \$30,000, and I understand that, but for so small a gain, if, in fact, we may begin to lose a great deal, I wonder if maybe now is the time that we could go back, maybe have some discussions with Senator Hall, maybe withdraw the amendment at a time, at this point, and maybe we would be able to get together and see if we can work on some type of...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...finding some common ground on this, and I think that way we can move forward on the bill, and we can try to take care of some of these difficulties that have arisen. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am