

sure that that money goes for its intentions. Senator Schellpeper's amendment simply says what people will keep saying is missing in the bill, even though the way it's written it says it not directly. Now we're saying it. The money a school district cannot use to satisfy its budget growth must go to lower property taxes. It's as simple as that. And I hope the candidates I quoted are listening. I hope the candidates I quoted would take the time to read the bill and maybe talk to some people before they make statements that they don't understand. I urge the adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Scott Moore said it very well. I would...he had his light on first and he took the shots at Boyle and Nelson which were very deserved and should be taken. This time of year when candidates are running for office they tend to run off at the mouth things that they don't particularly understand and I think that's pretty clear in this case. I would just second what he did have to say in that regard. Oftentimes when we write bills in the Legislature we write them for the agencies that are to administer them. The agencies that are administering them know what they mean and know what they say. Sometimes we don't write in good, common English language that anybody can understand what a bill does. One of the criticisms of 1059 is that it "does not guarantee property tax relief".

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, may I interrupt you. (Gavel.) Please, let's hold it down, it's very difficult to hear the speakers. Thank you, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: One of the criticisms of 1059 has been that it does not guarantee that property...that increased state aid will be used to lower property taxes. Those of us that understand funding formulas know if there is a budget limitation on, that that will, in fact, happen. What the amendment does though, it writes it in in clear, concise English language that any and everybody can understand. It both says in the intent language that this is what is to happen and it also forces the school districts in their reporting forms to include this money in their other sources so that it will, in fact, result in lowering of property taxes in districts that are beneficiaries of the