

not talking about adding onto additionally, we are talking about reducing the level of state aid that they have been receiving at this particular time, and I think that it would cause a lot less anguish, if this bill eventually does become law, a lot less anguish on those school districts that will have to face the difficult decision of how to deal with these cuts in state aid, and I think that it is only fair, considering the small amount of money, that we at least have, at a later date, maybe they want to come back in three years, at a later date show why those school districts' aid should, in fact, be cut. Thank you.

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

CLERK: 4 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Anything else?

CLERK: Mr. President, I understand Senator Withem is going to handle the Warner amendment. (See AM3115 on page 1543 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, with great trepidation, I stand before you attempting to explain this Warner amendment to the bill that Senator Warner shared with me this morning. I think probably it is a technical sort of thing but probably it is the right thing to do. The sales tax increase...good, Senator Warner is here, so maybe I will let him go ahead and explain in some more detail here with my opening time, but it is a change on page 36 of the bill dealing with the operative date of the sales tax provision. We have a July 1, 1990, effective date of the sales tax. The bill currently has the emergency clause on it, and if it passes with 33 votes, there will be no problem with that. If it would pass without the emergency clause, then the effective date of July 1, 1990, will have passed by the time the bill becomes effective. So what this amendment does is it adds the words "or the effective date of this act, whichever is later." It will harmonize potential problems that might develop if the emergency clause is not adopted to this bill, and Senator Warner, pardon me for preempting you, I didn't know when you were coming back, but I relinquish the rest of my time to you to either agree with