

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the bill. (Withem amendment appears on page 1552 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I don't know if this is the informational answer to Senator Schmit's question or not, but it is the amendment to the A bill to reflect what was done when the Conway amendment was adopted. There is a sheet on the paper and I apologize, I did not initial it and it got distributed and it probably was my mistake, I apologize that, but it is an amendment and, below it, it has proof positive that Senator Scofield was not a penmanship teacher at Westside, I'm sorry, Sandy, I apologize for that. The penciled in language at the bottom really explains what changes are here and I'll just go through that with you. The Conway amendment, with this bill, there will be \$331.5 million distributed in state aid to education. That will be generated from three sources; \$178.8 million from the Conway amendment and the other tax increases that are in 1059, \$19.05 million from the General Fund balance, and I believe Senator Warner will have a little bit of discussion about that number here and I urge you to pay close attention when that comes up. That, added to the \$133.6 million that is there in our current state aid to education appropriation makes this \$331.4 million total in state support that will go out to elementary-secondary education. The note on the bottom is...in this first year, because we don't have the income tax adjustment into place as quickly as we might, we'll not have a full year of income tax collections to fund this, nor a full year of sale...quite a full year of sales tax to fund it. We will be \$13.5 million short of the 45 percent goal the first year, but that gets us quite close. I would urge the adoption of this amendment. I think everything here is funded as it is in either current appropriations or the new tax money. The only questionable point is this amendment does lay claim to about \$20 million that is in the General Fund balance at this point, that it is of yet, unincurred dollars and, again, I think Senator Warner will have some comments on that which I urge you to pay close attention to.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? You have an amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend