

Senator Withem's amendment. (Warner amendment appears on page 1552 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Withem indicated that I would have an amendment and he indicated on the sheet that he handed out that...shows \$19,050,000 of General Fund balance which, in fact, if you look on the back of the green sheet, would be approximately the amount of money that could be available for a one-time expenditure and still leave some funds left for the A bills that have an ongoing cost of 4.9 million. And it also, I think, would leave some allowance the way...the amount that they have for the assistance for the pipeline shortfall if that would happen, because that would be one-time money. What the motion does that I filed, reduces the amount by the 19 million, slightly over, and I'll, very frankly, tell you that my reason for offering the amendment is to ensure that there is at least funding for LB 272A in the amount of 16.9 million. That is the failed industrials. Obviously, if the money is used here, it, obviously, can only be used once, it can only be used for a one-time expenditure, in any event, and in an effort to at least ensure that half of that funding is available for LB 272A, I'm offering this amendment that would, in effect, do that. Of course, obviously, if 272A does not pass, why, then that money would not be needed for that. It could be, I assume, used for something else or perhaps if there was time left in the session, could be put here, but in any event, I think those of you who wish to have some funds available to at least provide the money for half of 272A need to support this amendment to reduce the A bill by that \$19 million.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, just one more comment. Nearly as I can tell we have now committed to place about a third of a billion dollars of money into education from state funds, not exactly an insignificant amount. I still do not know, nor do I believe anyone knows, and I do not want to poll the delegation here, the 34 persons who voted for the bill, and find out how much of a property tax reduction there will be. The ones that I have asked tell me that is yet to be determined and that is basically what I have been saying. I would have much preferred just, if you're going to slap a lid on yourselves, go on for a