

budget limitation on school districts and not those that are matching. Includes an exemption to the property...this is why it's maybe a little more significant. We call it the Bud Robinson amendment. Includes an exemption to the property tax limitation applicable to political subdivisions other than schools. You remember that 4 percent budget limitation. This amendment allows fire districts primarily that did not have a particular high base budget to...it allows them, if they need to purchase emergency fire equipment, to get an exemption from the lid by making application to a board and maybe Senator Robinson would like to speak more to that as we get into it. A Lincoln city amendment, not a Lincoln Public Schools amendment, Senator Chizek, don't get excited here now, this is a Lincoln city amendment that includes property taxes raised due to annexation as part of the property tax base of political subdivisions for purposes of the limitation on increases in property taxes of such subdivisions. Lincoln had annexed some areas into the city, had to provide services for those areas, but under the current law they can't include the property taxes that are raised from that property under the money that they would receive. Any questions on this particular amendment to LB 719 I would be happy to respond.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Are there any senators who wish to debate this amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Withem amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments. I now have AM1373 in front of me, Senator.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: This is an amendment that actually should have been in 698. When 698 was drafted there was an incorrect repealer clause added. Rather than reprint that entire amendment, we're just offering this as a separate amendment and what this does is make the repealer section consistent with what