

years to come you're always going to have that problem of trying to outguess what the behavior is going to be a year or two in advance. I think that is probably the wrong way to do it. So I think with the Baack amendment you put it in the formula. I heartily endorse that and urge the passage of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Withem, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would just very briefly and I meant to comment in my opening on the last amendment a little more about the procedure that we are following here. Originally when 698 was brought to the committee, the committee heard the bill, offered some committee amendments and referred the bill on to the full Legislature. It is, in offering the last amendment, we tried very hard to make that amendment as noncontroversial as possible, therefore, there were some other bills and some other ideas that the committee had added to 698 that will be standing on their own. The fact that these are standing on their own should not be considered to be a negation by me or anybody else involved in this process of that idea. It's just we wanted substantive ideas such as the one that Senator Baack is bringing us to stand on their own and this is one I think is excellent policy and I would urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the Baack amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Speaker Baack?

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, simply to say that I think that this is a policy that in the long run will turn out to be much better for us because then we won't have to deal with a deficit situation and the funding and for choice students will be much more certain for the school districts, for the students and for us and we don't have to deal with a deficit situation. So with that I would simply urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. We will now vote on the Baack amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Baack's amendment.