

of Senator Cudaback, and they are 45 eighth graders from Wood River Junior High and their teachers, and they are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise in support of Senator Withem's motion, Senator Withem's and Chambers' motion to reconsider the Schellpeper amendment. The amendment, in itself, was flawed in its application, it was just a simple drafting error because it left part of, frankly, the Lamb amendment in place. So there is a portion of the funding source that Senator Lamb has put into place when his amendment was adopted that was not stricken by the Schellpeper amendment. In other words, there is the funding of the sales and income that Senator Schellpeper's amendment put in, plus a portion of the funding source that Senator Lamb used, which brings probably about...the total I think is approximately \$140 million that is currently in the bill for a \$95 million problem. So, in addition to just the issue of whether or not it is an appropriate funding source, which I do not believe it is, there is a problem in terms of how it affected the previous Lamb amendment, and, frankly, that is one of the reasons I asked Senator Schimek to withdraw her reconsideration motion on Senator Lamb's amendment because, frankly, there is only part of the Lamb amendment that exists in the bill. It is clear as mud, I am sure. Anyway, part of my reason for standing up here is just to kind of give you an update of where we are at. We currently have before us the amendment that I offered yesterday. It has been amended about six different times. The funding source now includes a half cent sales tax and an increase in the two upper income brackets. We are on the reconsideration motion by Withem and Chambers. Next we have an amendment by Schimek and Rasmussen to deal with the lid on tech colleges. There is an amendment following that by Senator Hefner to put the sales tax on food with a credit. There is following that two amendments by Senator Wehrbein, one dealing with the one cent sales tax, and following that and income and sales tax approach. Senator Moore, then, has an amendment dealing with a 1059 lid proposal. Senator Dierks has corporate income tax. Senator Wehrbein has intangibles. Senator Moore has sales tax. Senator Moore has income tax, and Senator Rogers and Smith have school funding, intangibles, put all the personal property tax back on, strike three and you are out. The list is long and very complicated. But I would, I would propose a compromise. It is going to depend on what I think happens on this reconsideration