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some...to deal with the budget constraints that we are under, I felt that this is one program that simply was not justified under...for any public policy reason when compared against the potential savings to the state and I, therefore, move the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I think Senator Ashford explained very well the measure that he is amending here. It is actually a bill that I, myself, am a cosponsor. It is one of those logy mornings before a long recess. I support the concept. I don't know if everybody knows exactly what it is, you know, you are talking about a \$1.7 million cut in payments to school districts. I think it is very justified, as Senator Ashford mentioned. It is one of those things that people may, when they understand it, they may wonder why it is we have to take action like this but I think it is important that the body begins to start looking at some problems. If you look at the purple handout that the committee handed out last week, you understand that we're probably financially in a situation where can deal with the biennium. I do have a great deal of concerns about when we start dealing with the budget a year from now, and in writing a biennial budget then, we are going to have to make some decisions to make things fit. It always helps if you start planning ahead in the future. I think Senator Ashford's amendment is one of those decisions that will have to be made at some point in time, and, you know, it is always better that sooner better than later, but at some point in time in the near future, unfortunately, in my opinion, a decision like this are ones that we are going to have to make. And so with that, I'd offer my support to Senator Ashford's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bohlke, you are next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, the question is, is this amendment is germane?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bohlke, I have reviewed this amendment and it is definitely not germane.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you.