

applaud the Education Committee for advancing the bill, advancing the bill out, and probably the main reason I signed on with Senator Ashford and agreed to put it...I mean I introduced seven bills with my name on it to cut the budget. This is the only one that's still alive. This body, nobody wants to cut the budget. Obviously, I have had several people come to me saying, why my school called me this week, I can't vote for that bill. It might cut their budget. Well, there is not a budget reduction this body can make that will not make somebody squeal. It is that simple. And does this one make it better or worse, it is the only one out there right now. It is probably one of the main reasons I support it, it is not my favorite one of the bunch in any way, shape, or form. It is the only one that is still a viable way to trim the budget down that takes a statutory change, are fewer things we put in the budget, that is certainly possible. The other point is, you have to understand, whether you like it or not, the whole budget package is balanced about to dollar zero, so \$1.7 million comes out, or comes out, \$1.7 million has to come out of somewhere. I am not saying particularly anywhere, it just has to come out of consultant contracts or wherever \$1.7 million has to come out of, it has to come out of somewhere to make it balance.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: Many of you will argue last in, first out. That is probably as safe as anything to look at, but somewhere it is going to have to balance or unless you want to send the Governor, the budget over to the Governor, out of balance, and he can take his veto pen and arguably the first things he is going to look at are the things that are not in his budget recommendations. So we can all figure that out for ourselves. LB 1272 in its original form, is it a 1.7 million dollar transfer in cost? Yes, it is. I think it's...the reason I don't feel bad is last year when we tried to deal...manage state government and trim back, we did not cut aid to local school districts. This arguably is in lieu of addressing the aid problem. It is something I can defend. I urge the body to oppose Senator Robinson's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, Senator Ashford got my attention and some have already spoken to it, but he stated that actually if you have a property owner and they have