

where, well, it is Valentine. Valentine is a Class I school. There need to be some minor changes in the boundaries to accommodate some people there that live in a Class I school, which adjoins the Class I that is in Valentine. So they just want to exchange a little area there, but to get 65 percent of the voters in Valentine is a big job, and so it is felt by myself and by the Education Committee that the school boards can handle it and would not go to a vote of the people. And then the third part of the amendment has to do with school districts which are experiencing much growth. And this really is not for any of the school districts in my legislative district. I think a couple of districts that are primarily affected are Lexington and Lincoln, and there may be others. But currently a school district must wait two years before it receives state aid in response to rapid student growth. In this provision in this amendment, it allows a school district to get that additional money the year it is needed. In other words, they don't have to wait two years. They get it in the year when those additional teachers are hired, when those additional facilities and books are needed, and that sort of thing. It just speeds up for one year the provision in the state aid bill which allows the additional funds in regard to those districts which are experiencing rapid growth. That is all it does, and I think it is needed in some of those districts. Those are the provisions of the bill. I will ask for a suspension of the rules so that this amendment may be adopted, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. On the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is always, of course, very laudable to try to work out arrangements and to solve problems that affect certain entities and the schools, of course, are a continuing source of inequities. And I have to admire and respect Senator Lamb and members of the Education Committee and their chairman for trying to work these problems out. Can you tell me, Senator Lamb, just how many dollars might be involved in the hold harmless provision, and what areas are going to benefit, and what areas are going to probably see a reduction, if we work with a constant amount of dollars?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, would you respond, please?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator Schmit, the hold harmless provision is about \$3.5 million. It would continue the same state aid to