

those schools which will be negatively impacted under the provisions of 1059 down the road. I don't know if I have the list of the schools but, primarily, they are in the rural areas, some of the schools that are getting less money under the provisions of 1059 than they were previously getting. And as you may remember, in 1059, we added the hold harmless provision, which ran for three years. This extends it an additional two years so that this whole state aid picture under 1059 can be reevaluated.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So this really amounts to a \$7 million bonus package for certain districts at the expense of the rest of the districts, but the impact, the negative impact upon the balance of the state is probably not really significant in terms of dollars per district. Is that what you are telling me?

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All right. Portion number two strikes me as a very interesting amendment, and normally this body, when all else fails, relies upon the vote of the people because of the wisdom and knowledge that rests with the people. In this instance, we seem to make a reverse decision that the representatives of the people are probably better able to make that decision than the people as a whole. And I noted, of course, I have taken my book in hand to determine who voted, who was not present and voting. I would suspect that I could name them. But, tell me, why the change of heart relative to this provision?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, it is really because of the laborious situation created by a Class I such as that in the Town of Valentine. Valentine has a Class I school, and there are some minor changes there that they would like to make because of some of the...there is an agreement between the people involved, both the school boards and the people involved, that there should be some minor changes in the district boundaries so that some of the people that want to go to Valentine can go to Valentine, and vice versa. Now to go to a vote of the people in Valentine is, well, it is a job. It can be done. It can be done. They can get those signatures and go to that route, and, you know, I appreciate your point, and I am probably one of the most...well, I believe in local control probably as much as anybody in this body, but I think in this particular situation the school boards can handle this situation where...