

difficulty, is that you don't collect it right away. You have to wait. Senator Lamb is absolutely correct. So we have got this so they will be able to collect it faster, but what I want to again emphasize is that we are talking about not new monies, we are talking about a pool of money that is being, through the 1059 formula, distributed out to school districts. If you speed up payment on rapid growth, you are taking from that pool monies that normally would have gone somewhere else, and my question has always been, who are you taking it from, what justification do we have taking it from them, because, obviously, the money is not going to be there to give because we are giving it faster to another group for a different reason, and would they ever be able to expect to be repaid by that? And those questions I can't seem to get a clear answer for. And so I think if we are on a Select File amendment on some serious questions and talking about serious money, it could have serious ramifications, I think, to distribution to school districts. And, by the way, my school district would benefit under the Lamb amendment. My school district would benefit, my largest school district, at least, would benefit from the Lamb amendment, but I still contend at this point that the ramifications of the large amounts of monies that we really are talking about here is going to be very, very, significant and it is such a policy change that I think we need to have specific discussions because, yes, you will pay quicker those that have rapid growth. But on the other hand, you are going to be taking away from the pool. They will not receive the money. We have to justify that other end as well. I could understand it if we weren't talking about much money, but from the numbers I see, we are talking about substantial monies and I just have some very strong reservations at this point. And unless those are or I can get satisfied on that, I cannot support the suspension motion at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit is not here. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, I rise in some confusion, which is nothing new, I guess, and the debate is somewhat confusing because we have three provisions of an amendment, two of which appear to be controversial, didn't understand neces...I knew one would be. The other one I didn't think would be but I certainly understand now why it might be better than I did before, one of which is apparently noncontroversial, particularly now that Senator Hartnett, I think, is convinced that Papillion is not going to take over Bellevue School District with this amendment,