

Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1855-56 of the Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 5 nays to suspend the germaneness rule, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion is successful. The germaneness rule has been suspended and we are now on the amendment by Senator Lamb. I will raise the call. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to divide the question? Is that...where do you wish to divide it?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The only thing I had in front of me is the Journal page, I think it is...and my Journal is up on top now. I think it is the Section 3, the subparagraph 2, the new language, simply the 25 or 1 percent. That's that...those lines. That would be that entire subparagraph section on that page.

SPEAKER BAACK: I am going to rule that it is clearly divisible, and we will divide the amendment into three divisions, and, Senator Lamb, which would you like to have, Section 1?

SENATOR LAMB: Let's just go right down the row, one, two, three, might be less confusing.

SPEAKER BAACK: All right. Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak to the first section?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members, the first part of the amendment will be the hold harmless, and as I mentioned before, it has been pretty well debated, and I think Senator Withem's remarks are right on, that we are in a transition period here where we are talking about the tax system, we don't know what is going to happen. I know some schools, including the Lincoln School, want to talk about changing the tiers, that the whole concept, the state aid formula needs to be looked at in depth. But we really should have another couple of years before we severely reduce some of these schools that will be negatively impacted when hold harmless goes away. So all this does is extend hold harmless two more years. It is about a three and a half million dollar amount that will just go where it has been going in the last couple of years, and we will extend the hold harmless and then, when people, when you people, after I am long gone from this body, will look at the state aid