

until we really find out what is going on, we are going to hold these people harmless. And I do that with more than a little bit of reluctance do I agree to do that because, as you are well aware of, is that, as one of the cosponsors of LB 1059, I believe that we are trying to even out the peaks and valleys, but, nevertheless, one of the things that Senator Hall was inaccurate in saying was lumping all the school districts in as the inefficient ones are the beneficiaries of that, of this measure, and that is not the case. Actually, one of the biggest beneficiaries in my legislative district is a school district that has done what they were supposed to do, done what they were supposed to do in the eyes of many of my colleagues who wanted them to close their small schools and consolidate. Those...that is the school district that benefits from this, not the inefficient ones, but the most efficient one is the one that under our present law will be harmed by. But I think it is proper to extend this for two more years, but I also think it is very proper to send a message to these districts, and I guess it has been known as the Callaway group, you simply have to come up with some way to change the formula, whether it be...I don't know what that can be, but you can no longer expect to arbitrarily suspend for five years of payment at the '89 level. That makes...Senator Hall is absolutely right, that makes no sense. You have to find a formula that the Legislature can agree on that benefits you, or if it penalizes you, you have to understand why it does, but you can just not add into infinitum, feed the hold harmless forever. I am very much opposed to that. I think we need to look at the formula, maybe there is some way to address, particularly not the inefficient problems, Senator Hall, but the school districts that are efficient to get caught up under this. I'd like to try and find a way to help those and, obviously, as the body is well aware of, you know, more than half of the school districts in my own legislative district are affected by this, and so you can certainly accuse me of catering to my district that way, but you certainly can't accuse me of catering to my own district when we passed LB 1059. I think there is a couple of those school district that I argue that are very efficient, did what they were supposed to do. Those are the school districts that are harmed. Those are the school districts I think in the next two years we have to find a way to encourage them to do the right thing. Maybe we need to change the formula. Unfortunately, the last 18 months in this Legislature and this state, we have been caught up in other problems. I think a two-year extension is prudent, and I know it is kind of like the horse race tax. I can say it is going to