

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Rasmussen, would you check in, please. Senator Hartnett, would you check in, please. Senator Robinson, would you check in, please. Senator Landis, would you check in. Members, please check in. The house is under call. Members, please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. We need Chambers, Lindsay and Morrissey. We are waiting for Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay, would you check in, please. Senator Hall, we have not been able to locate Senator Chambers. Can we proceed? Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1862-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. We are on Section 2 of the Lamb amendment. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, again, I rise to oppose the amendment as a whole. It is the hold harmless over a two-year period that would extend the program that was put in place under 1059. It extends it without any information with regard to the impact. It extends it on the 53rd day of the session. It extends it without any information with regard to who pays and who gains. It extends it without any information with regard to what the school districts who are currently receiving 100 percent are doing right now. How far along in the process are they? What has happened? What have they done to justify the two-year extension? I would argue that they have done nothing because that's exactly the amount of information we have been given, none, absolutely none, but we're asked to vote to extend the hold harmless for an additional two years to the tune of anywhere from seven to fifteen million dollars on the amount of 100 percent state aid that we're going to guarantee for these districts. We're going to take figures from 1989 school budgets and guarantee payment of those into the school years of 1995. That's what we're doing with this amendment. We're guaranteeing 100 percent of payment no matter what changes have taken place in those districts. For no rhyme or reason, no justification, no basic in fact, all we do is add two years onto a basically pork barrel provision in 1059 that Senator Lamb fought very hard for. The problem with the