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SPEAKER BAACK: Section 1 of the amendment is adopted. We'll now go to the third section of the amendment. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, and members, this is the third section which is an advantage for those schools that are rapidly growing. It gives them the additional money that they're entitled to under the state aid formula a year earlier so that they get it when they need it. There's been a lot of discussion on this. I hope we don't spend a lot of time on it. I would just ask that it be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment, this section of it. And, Senator Lamb, would you respond to a question? Senator Lamb, was this part of your priority bill as well?

SENATOR LAMB: No, it was not.

SENATOR HALL: Was this part of any bill?

SENATOR LAMB: No, it was not. It was brought to me and I thought it was logical and would not cause any problems so I said, okay, let's do it.

SENATOR HALL: So...

SENATOR LAMB: I could just do away with it, but I have committed myself to some other people that want it and I'm going to stick by it.

SENATOR HALL: I'm sure there were some commitments made, Senator Lamb, I understand that. Thank you very much. I rise to oppose this portion of the Lamb amendment. As Senator Lamb pointed out, the introducer, this is totally new subject matter. It's something that hasn't been before the body. It hasn't had a public hearing. It hasn't...it's a total shift in policy with regard to the issue of calculating state aid to be paid, when it's paid, what triggers it and how it's to be handled. It comes in with seven days left, and a Select File amendment. Senator Withem made some arguments that Senator Lamb's first proposal was not something that came out of the blue. It was his priority bill that he was just jumping up. This does not