

forward. I think it makes good public policy sense. I'm comfortable supporting it on that basis. If you're not, based on not having the data in front of you, I can certainly understand that and will certainly respect anybody's vote on this measure.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm not going to rise in support or anything of the amendment. I just want to try and understand, if I may, and if someone would articulate to me how this amendment would actually work. I don't know who to ask my questions of, Senator Lamb or Senator Withem. Senator Withem, I'm going to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm sorry, it is not my amendment. Senator Schrock or Senator Lamb might be able to indicate the mechanics of how it will operate.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Okay, I'll ask Senator...if Senator Lamb is around, I'll ask Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, would you respond, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Lamb, my question is the state next year will contribute \$370 million in state aid to schools under 1059. A hundred million of that, roughly, I'm using round numbers now, will be distributed under the income tax rebate, the other 270 goes out under the equalization formula. Now if we adopt this amendment and money is paid in advance, where does that money come from and how does it...I mean, does it come from the income tax rebate? Does it just decrease the amount of the pure equalization formula? Tell me how it's going to work.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, as I...you're probably...you're more familiar with that than I am, Senator Moore, but certainly when these schools are eligible for the additional money because of the impact of additional students, as I understand it, it comes out of the total \$370 million pot and, of course, there is that much less to be distributed among the other people. But the reasoning in support of it is they should get that money when they need it rather than a year later. And that's the reason I accepted the amendment.