

new students a year which, if you figure about 25 students per classroom, means 28 additional classrooms per year, and any school system, no matter what size, that has that many new classrooms has to hire that many new teachers, let alone other resources like textbooks and supplies and finding space for these classrooms, has some severe budgetary problems. And if they have to wait two years for that state aid to follow them, then that's going to cause them some worries. So I guess, on behalf of all the school districts, like Lexington and Lincoln and others that have these kinds of increases, I would simply urge support of the Lamb amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, I had an amendment to Senator Lamb's amendment from Senator Hall. Senator Hall is excused until he arrives.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there anyone here who is authorized to handle this for Senator Hall? If not, we'll simply...we'll simply proceed. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to address this issue and I'd like to have you keep in mind that no district is going to lose money, no district is going to gain money in the final outcome. It's just they're going to receive their money a year earlier for the students that they have enrolled. I'd also like to tell you about the Lexington Public School System, if you think your school system has problems. In August of 1990, the Lexington Public Schools had 1,678 students enrolled. A year later, 1991, they had 1,854 students enrolled, an increase of about 180. They now have 1,915 students enrolled, an increase of almost 250 from less than two years ago. They have received 488 new students, but they've had 220 students leave. They have an industry there that has really caused a lot of turmoil in their educational system and I commend the administration and the faculty of Lexington for handling the system as well as can be expected. They have tried to pass a bond issue and, like most bond issues, it has failed so they have an overcrowding problem and, in addition to that, they're not going to receive the money for these additional students in time to help their taxing problem. So this is a fairness issue. I think they should be able to receive this money a year earlier to relieve the burden on their