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rather than in the short term. So you're taking the long view, I would assume.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, but you would not argue at this point that in accelerating it now it would have a, at least, in a short term effect a...it could have differences of some large proportions on school districts that they had not anticipated. Would that be fair?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're absolutely correct, but I think 1059 was passed as a fairness issue and so, to me, this is fair...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ..because they...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Schrock. Yeah.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But you are correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you. I wanted to clarify that and I guess I kind of agree but I wanted to go on a different angle, if I may. I agree with what Senator Schrock is saying about 1059 was a fairness issue and it certainly was. That's one of the things we argued time and time again, we needed to be fair in regards to how we funded schools and making it an equal opportunity for all children in Nebraska. That was, indeed, one of the basic premises of the support of the bill. And the Nebraska public, they understood that and when the petitions went and the public voted on it, they voted to maintain the opportunity for children in the State of Nebraska in education. However, one of the things that we put in 1059 was an acknowledgement that in rapid growth districts they would need to have some help and we put in the formula that there would be a delay before they could get that and it ended up being about two years because of the funding sources and the amount of monies that we're going to be...and the timing of it, so it was put in. My argument is that the school districts that Senator Schimek was referring to and my own school district, North Platte Public Schools, we would be a...we would gain on this particular proposal. My argument is that we will, in fact,