

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Withem.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I understand from hearing Senator Haberman speak about the numbers here, my attempts at educating the body on what these mean have not been universally successful, but let me try just one other thing you need to understand about these numbers. Again, we take a snapshot of how things would look in one particular place in time and then we try to extend that out into perpetuity. I think one of the things Senator Schrock indicated was...that we need to listen to is Lexington has had a massive increase in its enrollment because of one specific event. The placement of an IBP plant in Lexington brought in lots of new students and continues to, but that growth is going to slow down, I would assume. I don't think Lexington is a community that is going to be increasing by 5 or 10 percent a year for the next two decades, so the impact on Lexington in this particular sheet is...is different today than it was when these numbers were done and it will be different in the future. Nebraska City, you know, thanks to all of the good work we did yesterday helping out Senator Wehrbein with his measure, hopefully, we're going to have an alcohol plant down there. If we do, there's going to be a lot of growth in Nebraska City. I don't even know where Nebraska City is on this list here. Yeah, right, and if Blair gets a new state senator there may be people willing to go into the Blair area also and there may be growth. I think...I assume that was the point you were going to make, Senator Robinson, when you mentioned Blair. So where the growth occurs in the future is not necessarily where it is on this sheet. You may be representing an area today where there isn't much growth, but you may have a community that, because of a particular development in your area, will have a lot of people move in and your school will have a need to educate kids. True, there are some school districts, and I represent one of them, Papillion/LaVista, another one is Millard, another one is Lincoln, that have an historic pattern of growth and they'll probably stay on the list here that they will...that they will tend to benefit from this rapid growth amendment on into the future, but there are other school districts that currently are not growth districts that may become growth districts. That's another thing to consider when you're looking at this amendment. So, again, I'd urge you to support the amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Withem. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests today. They