

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Debate has ceased. Senator Conway, do you wish to close?

**SENATOR CONWAY:** Thank you, Senator Baack. I will be very, very brief. I know many people want to move on to other issues. This one is certainly simple enough that it doesn't need a long closing and dragging the process on any longer. It's simply a belief that the distribution formula ought to be done in a more fair fashion and if you agree with that, you will vote for the Conway amendment. If you don't, I suppose that you won't. But I think it's an attempt for this body to make a statement that we do want to have some kind of follow-up on the goals and aspirations that LB 89 and LB 91 were purported to do and then this is a way to...to better able to accomplish that. So, with that, I offer this amendment to you and hope that the body will advance it.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** You've heard the closing on the Conway amendment. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 10 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** The amendment fails. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend. (See AM3712 on page 2018 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Lynch.

**SENATOR LYNCH:** Mr. Speaker and members, hopefully, this is not a controversial amendment and won't take very long. As the bill was originally discussed by Senator Lamb, Section 3, on page 3, provided that where construction expansion or alteration to the district buildings will cost an increase in the building operation and maintenance cost of at least 5 percent, the department shall document the project and, in a sense, and to make a long story short, will provide that if that school district is at its mill levy limit, at its taxing limit, they would be able to exceed it only for that purpose because it was an undetermined cost at the time. And I supported that. Sometimes the limits on local jurisdictions of government can