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SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...intended to work...

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have 22 fourth graders from Williams Elementary in Columbus. They're guests of Senator Robak, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, rise to oppose Senator Lindsay's amendment and, if you were listening to Senator Warner, he gave the best reason there at the end of his presentation. I voted against the rapid growth amendment this morning. I voted, as I said last week, I voted very reluctantly to continue hold harmless for two years. At least that's, though it may not make sense for a couple of years, is a good argue with all of the uncertainty out there in property taxes and valuations and levies, I don't mind doing that as I made it very clear last week that's the last time that's going to happen, certainly in my opinion, and, as I said then, the majority of my school districts are affected by that, I'll make it clear that something has to change in the formula to do that. What we did this morning was, I would argue, was the biggest change yet in 1059, that rapid growth amendment. There's winners and losers there. I had two of my districts won on that and so, if you want to argue if I should have voted for it, I probably should have, but I guess I'm concerned about making those sorts of changes in the 1059 formula. Lindsay's amendment just tries to make two wrongs make a right, in his eyes, in his school district, and I respect him for that, but I think you're marching down a path ever so slowly at the very beginning of doing some major damage to people like myself who can sit there and defend 1059 as a fairness issue. I can go out to my districts that lose money and say here's the reasons why, here's the reasons why the bill's good, here's the reason why the people that win under this bill win and I don't have any problem doing that. The rapid growth amendment I didn't like. It made some changes that I think disturb some of the moral high ground people like me can take when we get criticized very harshly for 1059 out there. I think Senator Lindsay's amendment is another example of trying to cater to one or two school districts in the