

that meets the needs of the unique school districts, Lincoln School District, the Lincoln School District, Lexington School District and other school districts, why it's so vital to do that but when we have an amendment that will allow a school district, such as the Omaha School District, which is experiencing the same...a high percentage of growth, maybe not quite as high as others, and we have an amendment that simply says that they're not going to get any more money because of their growth, they just won't be penalized because of their growth, that that's bad policy. I would love to hear the rationale. That's why this amendment is up here. I'm serious about it, reconsidering my support for the entire measure. Although there's some good things in LB 719, maybe we ought to leave things as they are. Maybe we ought to let the hold harmless provision go by the wayside and be done with it. Maybe we ought to make the districts that have their growth wait until such time as they qualify for it. Let's leave 1059 as the gods delivered it from on high and all of it's perfection and not monkey with it. I urge you to reconsider the adoption of Section 3 of the Lamb amendment.

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

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I didn't vote for the Lindsay amendment basically because I simply cannot comprehend, on the face of the language of the amendment, what it's effect would be, and the last time I voted for an amendment on the assurances of individuals who probably, I thought, knew the actual facts of the hold harmless provision, for example, turned out to involve a lot more money and had a different effect than what I had been told. Now I don't know who originally was involved in the hold harmless and the additional enrollment suggestions. I had understood that they went together. If we don't want to do this thing, let's back the whole thing out, just back the whole thing out, back out the hold harmless, back out part three of the amendment, if that's what Senator Withem wants to do, and let's go back to the position that I thought we were in before this all began, which was we won't make any changes to 1059 until all parties who have things to be considered can get together and work out some kind of negotiation that involves all the parties, involves the tier system concept. Now, I don't know if it's Om...if Omaha feels short-changed on this whole particular exchange. I don't think they should because the tier system concept, which is, I think, the most questionable of all the parts of the formula, has not