

been called in'o question. Omaha continues to benefit from that. The committee did not want to consider that particular item this year and we have not run it as an amendment outside of the committee and that's fine. If I were in Omaha's position, I'm sure I would do the same thing, but I'm not sure that there's any basis for...for feeling badly about the whole arrangement, but if Senator Withem is successful in backing out part three of the Lamb amendment then I suppose it would be logical to go ahead and proceed and back out the Lamb amendment entirely. I hate to see us go around in circles though. I don't think that the Lamb amendment, as a whole, was an unreasonable proposition on the part of those who formulated it, who formulated that, although I was not a part of that, and so I would suggest that we hold a steady course and get through this bill and try to get on to some of the other bills we have. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Feutler. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Withem amendment, although I agree with the Withem arguments, and I guess what I would rather, Senator Withem, was that we would reconsider the vote that we just took. I happened to vote for the third portion of the Lamb amendment this morning, as well as the other portions. I also voted in favor of the Lindsay amendment and I guess I feel if you thought that the hold harmless and the idea of the growth districts getting immediate help this morning, that you should think so this afternoon. After all, we're talking about Omaha here. It is a growth district and what this amendment does, as far as I can tell, is holds them harmless from the amendments that we did this morning. Senator Beutler, I couldn't agree with you more that it would be nice if we could all sit down and work out some of the problems that some of us perceive, at least, with 1059, but, frankly, it's been two years and I don't see it happening. I don't see anybody willing to move on the tier system. I don't see anybody, but Lincoln, concerned about it, so I guess I'm willing to look at it piecemeal if we have to, if we can't do it any other way. I guess, with that, I would just suggest that you vote against this reconsideration motion and perhaps vote in favor of a reconsideration motion on the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Lindsay.