

contributes to that money that goes into that pot for rapid student growth. It contributes to that and, just for purposes of illustration only, because I'm making up the numbers, I don't know what the numbers are, let's assume to make up that big pot Omaha Public Schools has to contribute a million dollars, so that pot then is created. It's then distributed to school districts that have 1 percent more growth by adding in those students earlier into their needs calculation. Omaha Public Schools gets a share of that money and, again, for purposes of growth...of illustration, let's assume they only get \$700,000 back. They lose \$300,000. What the Lindsay amendment says, and this is a problem we have with hastily drafted amendments, we have to interpret them, but what it says to me is that school district, Omaha Public Schools, that is qualified for the growth factor can't lose anything. They get what they otherwise would have received. So you'd run a calculation to see what they would otherwise have gotten. You run a calculation to see what they get as a result of this new rapid student growth and you compare those two and they get the larger of the two numbers, what they would have otherwise gotten or what they get...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ..as a result of this new...this new student growth, and then I assume what you have to do then is go back and rerun the formula of that \$300,000 out of it that's held harmless back for Omaha and for the other districts. It's is a fairness issue. It's saying if you're going to grow, we're not going to penalize you for growing. If we're going to reward some districts for growing, we're at least not going to penalize some for growing. I think it's a fair issue and I'd urge you to vote for the reconsideration.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hall. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is ceased. Senator Baack for closing.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I offer this motion for two reasons. One of them is to facilitate the process. We seem to be really bogged down here on this bill.