

The other is I think it is a fairness issue and I think in order for us to be consistent and, as Senator Chambers told me, he said consistency isn't always what we do in here, and he's certainly right in that, but I think in this case we have talked about the growth districts this morning and we adopted an amendment that would allow them to receive their monies a little earlier, the rapid growth districts. I think it is only fair now that we say that districts that are growing should not lose money and I think that, with that, I would ask you to reconsider the vote of the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Baack. Question is the reconsideration of the Withem (sic) amendment to LB 719. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CONWAY: The motion is set for reconsideration. We're back to the Lindsay amendment. I assume Senator Lindsay. (Senator Lindsay's amendment FA385 is found on page 2097 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members. I apologize to the body for running a floor amendment like that that's written out in...on one of the yellow sheets and passed around but, frankly, I've spent...the time we've spent on this today just trying to figure out what in the heck's going on, because I don't know how the school aid formulas work, I don't know much about what effect different things will have. And it took, from listening...from listening to Senator Robinson, listening to Senator Haberman, listening to some people that...and, frankly, looking at the figures that got around that what exactly the effect is. When we started looking at how it's going to affect OPS, and that's what every one of us does is looks how it's going to affect the school districts in our district, when we looked at that I want to see why Omaha is going to be affected like that, and that's when we got the numbers on the growth and I found out then that we were a high growth district. I was not aware of that. And that's the reason for coming in with the floor amendment like that and, again, like to say I apologize that it caused this kind of problem. Bottom line is that the amendment is intended to just be consistent with the theory of if we're going to protect high growth districts, let's protect high growth districts. If we're not, then let's not do it. And