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as a payment to group homes, started out with the Alliance Boys Ranch and developed into other group home...payments to group homes. The payment to foster care families, for foster care children to school districts was a later development in the act. And it came considerably later, considerably later. The public policy rationale was that the foster parents are paying property taxes to the school. And it's really no different than grandparents, or adopting parents, or whatever that would be providing education to their children at the public school in the district where they live. Again, it's a \$5 million program that will expand to 7 million or \$8 million over the next couple of years. It's, as I said last year, it's a program that's run amuck, especially as Senator Withem suggests, that this program was developed long before the expanded state aid in 1059. And so the Moore-Ashford amendment would simply be...is a replication of LB 1272 of last year. Takes out the payment for foster care children to the public schools, leaves all the group home, payments to group homes intact. At this point, though, there seems to be a rather large group...(laugh) group of senators in the rear of the Chamber.

SPEAKER BAACK: There's a lot more listening to Withem than are to you, Senator.

SENATOR ASHFORD: (Laughter.) Well, but Withem's not on the record. But...

SPEAKER BAACK: But I'm listening to you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I have nothing else to say. (Laughter.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Now everybody else wants to listen.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Do with it what you wish.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is anyone wishing to discuss this amendment further? Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: With that, we're going to pull the amendment at this point and go ahead and more, hopefully move the bill on to Select File, and we'll deal with it between now and then.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Do you have anything further on the bill?