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the interest from those to the various school districts. There is very little ways for that to grow. There is some severance tax money and some fine money evidentially and then the money that comes from the unclaimed property goes into that. What this bill does, and the reason this bill is here in a special session is for...because we are speeding up the collection of this and finding other ways to get the money more quickly...so...so...and hopefully we are not taking it away from individuals who may be wanting to claim it. There are enough guarantees in the bill, I think, to prevent that from happening, but instead of this money going into the school fund, the original bill had proposed all of the money from the period of the effective date of this act in November 1, 1996 would go into the General Fund to help us with our cash flow problems. Problem with this from the education point of view is this is, remember all of the things we talked about the highway trust fund, well this is kind of the education trust fund. It is a little smaller fund, not as much money comes out of it but it is a fund the educators kind of like and it is their own and they kind of like to keep it from being violated, and this was a violation of it. Well we met today and talked with some of the representatives of the education groups with an indication that they understand that there is a problem with this money coming out of what would normally have gone to education, going into the General Fund, but they understand the problems confronting the state, but they don't like the idea of the continuing to go out. The original bill said that it would go out until November 1, 1996, with this amendment and the projection was that would raise about \$5 million for cash flow problems for the state. What this amendment does as soon as that \$5 million comes in then the door is closed and then it continues to go back to the permanent school fund. So, that is what the amendment does. It is relatively simple. It says either November 1, 1996 or after \$5 million, which ever comes first, as opposed to what the current bill says is November 1, 1996. So, I think there is general concurrence among those that have worked on the bill outside, that is my best to explain what the amendment is to the folks inside, if you have any questions I'd respond to them.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I rise in support of the Withem/Landis amendment, I think this amendment strikes a good balance between the concerns of the