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I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator Schellpeper's amendment. The way things are going, this may be the last battle of the session so that's the only good news about it, but we'll see if that happens as the day unwinds. If you look at the financial status that I passed around this morning, you'll see that going into this morning the current status of everything we had done about \$102 million chipping away at a \$150 million problem with the last amendment we adopted on LB 1 and I think you took a couple million off, that you're already slightly over 100...you're already slightly under 100 for total impact over this year and the biennium. Obviously Senator Schellpeper's amendment is the difference between a \$3 million reduction and this is a pure cut. I'm not using the word "adjustment" there, that was a \$3 million reduction. And with Senator Schellpeper's amendment it goes to slightly under 450,000 is what it would be so you're basically losing \$2.6 million off of your reduction and so you're getting down to the 96, \$97 million category. And for that reason, I oppose the amendment. It's just one of those things we've done a lot of things, I think to be fair. I mean Senator Schellpeper is correct when we talk of this session you could argue that from what we've done we're taking a bigger piece of hide out of this program than others. But on the other hand as I mentioned the other day in our opening, I think you need to look not just at a staff shot but you need to look at a little bit of a long-term situation as I had mentioned. I mean we took much more than 33 percent away from the teachers since we passed this bill, that's down to \$7 million now, pass them at the same time, we'll owe some money for that. I would argue there's not money for this. As I mentioned the other day, our own 309 program that we use to address some of our infrastructure, if you will, probably not infrastructure is not fair, our roofs, our own building needs has been cut by more than half since we passed the MIFR bill. And LB 830, we've delayed that one and so if you look just at what we've done this session, Senator Schellpeper is true on what he's saying. But if you look at the bigger picture, I don't know if that's entirely accurate and obviously there's a lot of other things there. And I think you have to take into the giant scheme of things, obviously there is no