

the differences to you. Actually, the Governor had shown 5 million each year, starting this year. We have said actually that the General Fund savings, when you factor out special education, is not 5 million, 5.4 million dollars. It is really .4 million dollars, \$496,000 for this year, but actually increases above \$5 million to 6.1, in the out years to 7.2 and in the third out year. That's only, I think you need, when you talk about 118 in the Governor's number, I don't think it is quite accurate. I think these numbers would be a more accurate way to determine that number. That is why I pointed those out. You go over to the second page of this handout, those of you in the last rows that don't have it, you will soon be getting it but it, basically, shows the financial impact of this amendment, and the total General Fund savings on this amendment will be only \$813,000 the first year, which is actually more than the Governor's plan would have, but then in the next years it is significantly less than the Governor's plan would have done. It is \$1.8 million in '93-94 and an estimated 2.1 in '94-95. And so that is the financial impact of the amendment. Before I acquiesce the rest of my opening to Senator Ashford, now Senator Withem in the amendment that he originally had drafted last night, I think there is some good questions about the procedure the state uses for payments of individuals in group homes and institutions. I think those should be looked at. If there is a payment being made that doesn't hold up to muster, I think we ought to look at that. I don't care if that's in my district or anywhere in the state, we need to take a look at that. Unfortunately, this problem has kind of I'd not say crept on us, but given the dynamics of the special session and its short term, it is unknown the impact of Senator Withem's amendment last night. I know I, for one, am supporting this amendment to LB 3, but the rest of that problem, I pledge to work diligently with Senator Withem to address it, and if there is a problem, I think we should address that come regular session. So having said that, I would hope the body would adopt this amendment as endorsed by the Appropriations Committee. It is a significantly less of savings than the Governor's original recommendation but I think it is a policy that for the time makes a lot of sense while we continue to look at it, and there may or may not be some problems out there. We don't know that yet. I think to do what the Governor proposed, you chop off, just chop off the program, I think you leave kids in limbo. It leaves communities in limbo. It leaves school districts real uncertain. I don't know if you know what you get when you do that, and I think if we can agree on this amount right here in September, we will