

for timely staff who just this second circled this number here for me, we are now distributing 1994-95 appropriation for state aid to education was \$400 million, that if this is, in fact, a hundred million dollar payroll item, which it's been purported to be in the newspaper, that would mean \$300,000, \$300,000 impact on a 400 million dollar appropriation is largely negligible, particularly if you factor into that the sales tax analysis of this project and what 10,000 additional jobs at this particular pay level would likely bring in, figuring that retail sales account for about 35 percent of total income, about 80 percent of those would be on retail sales spent locally. There would be about \$710,000 additional sales tax collected and distributed through the state aid formula. So we're talking about \$400 million totally, talking about a potential income tax rebate impact of \$300,000, and a project that would add about \$710,000 more to the distribution formula statewide. Putting it in that context, it is not a terribly significant problem that the committee amendment is seeking to address. Further, I would argue that what we really ought to be doing, instead of every time there is a potential impact on rebate, tinkering a little bit around the formula, what we really ought to be doing is following what I anticipate will be the strong leadership of the Education Committee in advancing a bill that I introduced to it a couple of weeks ago which would have more of a final solution to the rebate problem. The rebate, as a portion of the state aid formula, is a growing problem. I believe that to Senator Wickersham's credit he has recognized that and also introduced legislation. And that's what we ought to be doing is attacking the problem that the rebate portion of LB 1059 is causing us, as opposed to tinkering around the edges with it. So, because we should not tinker with this, and because the dollar numbers we're talking about are quite negligible, I do not think we ought to adopt this portion of the committee amendments, although I certainly understand why the committee made this recommendation to us.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I indicated earlier on the committee amendment, and it's been discussed a number of times its impact, at the time, at least, our concern was narrowing the impact from a statewide to a local area does have an adverse effect. I guess if someone would ask me what...how you ought to vote on this, I suppose I would say if you represent an area in which you believe you may have