

districts to come together and consolidate and not have to fight the battle of what they may lose in state aid as they try to convince the patrons in their communities to move ahead with the consolidation. I think that generally outlines it. The money that they are using comes from hold-harmless, will come off this July and that's about a \$2.9 million fund and so the money that will be used is from that. It does have an emergency clause on it and with that at this point I will answer any questions.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Mr. Clerk, amendments on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bohlke would move to amend with AM01064.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bohlke, to open on the amendment. (Amendment appears on page 1280 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, the amendment you are being handed out now copies of the amendment. It's more technical in nature. When we defeated the last amendments this is what we will be substituting and actually this allows us to take off two bills that prior to this had been on LB 840. That was an incentive bill of Senator Wickersham's, an incentive bill of mine. When 840 came out of committee it came out with those two bills on it with the idea that probably someone would divide the question and we would discuss those three separately. Since that time there has been a decision made that in fact we would just take those off of this bill. This returns 840 to its original form what I have just discussed with you and allows us to proceed just debating the merits of 840 by itself without Senator Wickersham's and without my incentive bills that have been put on as a package that we are bringing to the floor. Senator Wickersham's incentive and my incentive bill were put into another bill that became a committee priority, but are no longer, if we do this substitute amendment would be a part of this 840.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Withem, to the Bohlke amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, just a question to Senator Bohlke about the impact of the amendment and the bill itself. I don't know...I think the amendment is clarifying, but as I read the bill school districts that take