

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, members, a brief little history on 542 to explain the committee amendments. But, generally, 542 implements an agreement between the school districts to correct a difference in interpretation between the state and federal Departments of Education that occurred in the first year the funds were distributed first year of 1059. The purpose of the bill is to enable the State of Nebraska to leave all those distributions in place. The bill would provide for a one-time payment of approximately a million dollars to certain school districts who had impact aid held accountable in 1990-91. And if this legislation is not adopted, three million in impact aid may need to be sent back to the federal government. The committee amendments clarifies the requirements for potential federal legislation that will interact with this bill and then the committee amendments also clarify that this act does not alter the Department of Education's obligations to make adjustments so that all school districts receive the amounts to which they are entitled.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Withem, on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, a question, and I think I know the answer to it. It probably won't make a difference on how I vote on it anyway, but just for a clarification, you said a million dollar appropriation. Is that a million dollars of new General Fund money? Or is that a redis...in essence, it will be a redistribution of existing appropriations to state aid?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: It would either be separate or '95-96.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That still doesn't answer the question. If...

SENATOR BOHLKE: It's out of...I think what you're...it's out of equalization.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, yeah, it will redistribute the money and it will...my ques...I guess, there will not be an A bill accompanying this that appropriates a million dollars extra. It does not add an additional million dollars to state aid, it redistributes the money that's currently there.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.