

(Standing Committee amendment AM0885 is found on page 1081-84 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the...LB 613 is, as the body's aware, is the bill which modifies the budget limitations that are in the statutes as well as continuing one that affects the governmental subdivisions other than schools so it is put as a permanent provision of the statute rather than be repealed July 1 of 1995. The committee amendments, however, address just to...actually three areas, but two areas of substance. One of the provisions of the...of the bill was to repeal the authority for unused school budget authority to carry over and there was a repealer section. That is removed from the bill so that that unused budget authority would continue to be authorized by statute. And the second one was that it struck from the bill the provision or I should say the other way...the other way around. It strikes the provision in the bill so that school boards may continue to increase expenditures one percent over what the otherwise allowable limit is with the...with the one percent vote and, thirdly, there is an error in the bill drafting where four was...should have been changed to three to be consistent with the balance of the bill, but that is only technical. But the two substantive amendments then would be authorization to continue to use unused budget authority and the second is to continue the authorization for a school board to increase their expenditures one percent over the otherwise allowable limits by a three-quarters vote. I move the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendment is by Senator Robak found on page 1441 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam... Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment is on page 1441 of the Journal and it was originally introduced as LB 208. This amendment reduces from 3 percent to 2 percent the fee collected by the Department of Revenue for administering the local option sales and use tax. As you know, the state has its share of the sales tax, which is 5 percent. They then take a portion as an