

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I now have 1927, Senator. Again, a note that you want to withdraw 1927 and offer 2355.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The extremely unnegetive, unpositive reaction of the last amendment and having a new definition now of placid that Senator Beutler's word that he's brought into the Legislature, Senator Beutler, I wondering if the environment is somewhat placid and a male or female deer came through, a doe, and it was on a Sunday, would we would have a placid, "Placido Domingo"? I don't know. It's just a thought that entered my mind. I'll withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And the pun also?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll withdraw the pun.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, AM1955, Senator. Withdraw? Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Hall. Senator, your amendment is on page 2060 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, the amendment that I filed to the bill a while back deals with the original Section 9 of the bill. If you look at the green copy of the bill, you'll see that what that did is it removed, as it was introduced, 613, the ability for the school district to exceed the allowable growth percentage of 1 percent on a 75 percent vote of the board. In the committee amendments, that...the words, the ability would still be there as the bill sits on Select File for the school district to exceed the allowable growth as long as there is three-quarters of the board vote for that. I offer this because I believe that the bill as it was introduced was good policy. There's still the, I guess, the emergency vehicle or opportunity to exceed the limit by 1 percent if they go to a vote of the people. Now some will argue that that's an expensive alternative but, frankly, it's in the original proposal. It continues to be there and I believe that if we are really looking at having a lid that is effective