

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes senator Beutler to close on his motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the way this bill stands right now it hurts poor school districts. It hurts equalization districts. It hurts those poor equalization districts that have paid money for these expenditures and will not receive reimbursements. What this amendment says is to give the money to all schools equally, to allow reimbursement, don't disadvantage the poor schools. If you're not going to advantage the poor schools, if you're not going to put in a true equalization system and advantage the poor school in accordance with the formula that we've all derived over time that redistributes money in a fashion that makes sense, if you're not going to do that, then at least don't disadvantage those poor schools. At least distribute the money equally on a per student basis, and on that basis allow those poor schools who have already paid in for this purpose to recover their money, if, under the program, the administrators (sic) of the program see fit on the basis of the factors in the program to reimburse them. So that's all the amendment does, it just says don't disadvantage the poor schools. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is the adoption of the motion to return LB 860 to Select File for specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 13 nays, 25 nays on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion fails. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to return for AM2566. (Beutler amendment appears on pages 2735-36 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm not repeating nor have I repeated yet any amendment. I'm trying to get you, trying to convince you to look at this a little bit different way, or at least add some protective factors into the bill. AM2566 is being passed out to you and all that it says is this, that all receipts from the School