

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler, to open on his motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, I'd like to withdraw that amendment and substitute the next amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it's so ordered.

CLERK: Senator, when you say the next amendment, is this the handwritten one that I just...just gave me a copy of?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

CLERK: Okay. (FA351 appears on page 2737 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, you have had passed out to you an amendment which I would like to present to you at this time. And what this amendment says, we have been arguing about whether these school districts, who have already made expenditures, should be reimbursed or should not be allowed to be reimbursed or have the opportunity to be reimbursed. And you have made the decision that you do not want to do that altogether. But I thought in light of the discussion of rich school versus poor school that it would make a lot of sense if at least we allowed those schools who are receiving equalization funds to be reimbursed for these expenditures. Now what that means is if you are receiving equalization funds then you are, by definition, one of the poorer schools. And if you are one of the poorer schools then it seems to me that at least that part, at least those schools who have made expenditures already ought to be able to seek some reimbursement. I hope that distinction is clear to you. Instead of saying all schools that have made expenditures may seek reimbursement, it says at least those schools that are equalization schools, at least the poor schools may have...will have the opportunity to seek reimbursement for expenditures made before the effective date of the bill or...yeah, before the effective date of the bill. That's the intent of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Madam President, members, I notice the amendment you said, Senator Beutler, said school districts. I assume that's always public school districts. I was curious in