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rebate at a higher rate than the rest of the poorer districts. So what we need to do is stop that growth or, if you wish, cap the disparity that's beginning to grow, and the committee needed to cap it at a number, not by percentage, by a number. Because if you put a percentage, as income grows, even though the percentage is capped, the dollars still continue to grow in an income improving district. So we put the percentage in, which means that the original promise that the Legislature made to the public of 20 percent, at that time period, would be held and maintained. But we need to stop the growth on that because it will eventually undermine any gains that we have made on the process and we're right back where we started. So that is a little bit of a historical perspective,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...if you wish, on that issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend this portion of the committee amendments. (Wickersham amendment, FA441, appears on page 790 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on his amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. After the explanation that Senator Bernard-Stevens gave of the income tax rebate, I am somewhat at a loss as to find a starting point to present this amendment to you because I think it will become clear that there are parts of the discussion that Senator Bernard-Stevens initiated that I simply don't agree with, and quite frankly I think it goes beyond disagreement, I don't think he's right. But at any rate, the amendment that you have in front of you, or, I'm sorry, you don't have it in front of you, but you can find it...that was a...we'll start on a real good basis here. If you want to look in your bill books at LB 1030, if you look in your bill books at LB 1030. you'll see what the amendment that I have pending is. And you'll also see there the fiscal note that tells you what the impact of it is. The gist of the amendment is the opportunity to have a percentage