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in favor of this amendment please vote aye, those opposed no.
Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment to this component of the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The amendment is adopted. Next item. Okay, we're back to the committee amendments on the division as it relates to the income tax. I have a number of lights on. First is Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm just trying to clarify for the body, this will be the third, the third section? The third division? Or we're just on the...we're on the committee amendments as a total?

SENATOR COORDSEN: We're on the division. Mr. Clerk, would you clarify this please.

CLERK: We are still, Senator, on the portion of the committee amendments relating to the income tax rebate provisions.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Members of the body, I think that the vote that we just recently took was a, quite a give away. I mean if you think about it, those that were on LB 1145 had a lot of goals getting dollars into equalization. They have, and I have as well, compromised on the option so that there'd be more dollars. We have compromised on the dollar amount that will be set from 83 to 102 which in essence takes 19 million out of equalization. But we understand that in the long term, the goals of putting more dollars in equalization will, will eventually be a more positive note because we have capped it at a number. And I don't really think we had to. I think if everyone looks at the votes on previous amendments, I don't think there were 25 votes to... I think there were certainly 25 votes and plus to vote the Wickersham amendment down, the last one that increased it to 102. But there is a feeling of it's not one side forcing it against the other. The feeling has always been, even the Education Committee, of what can we do to work together to find what we believe the best policy without everyone giving up all of their policy, but we still move in a direction that we think is right. I think the commitments that we've given on compromises were good. Again, they weren't