

several years ago to bring wards of the state with mental health problems back into the state, take them out of institutions in other states, and many of those students, and Senator Hillman is concerned about some of those students in her own particular district that will be moving into special education in the Scottsbluff school system. And this particular formula as devised under this amendment would help those districts like Senator Hillman's. I am told outside by the lobby that when we did the transportation issue, and it was mixed in with some other issues, that it was less than \$12 million that we were talking about as far as the distribution is concerned. This amendment would involve even less money, Senator Robinson, and so I don't think it's a large amount of money that we're talking about, but it will bring some equity and fairness to those districts. And just to...and just to remind you of what I'm talking about, if a school system has equal numbers of students, equal costs for their students, both those that are nonspecial education and those that are special education, everything else is equal, they still...the school district with the greater number of special education students loses under the present formula. It loses because that is subtracted off of their equalization aid the amount that is between the tier cost for special education and their own costs. So I would just ask that you do this in the name of fairness and that you do it with the realization that it is not really a new kind of policy decision in the sense that we have already done this for transportation costs. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question now before the body then is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 1050. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested. Senator Witek.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1099-1100 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Mr. President, I have a series of amendments by Senator Chambers to LB 948 to be printed; Senator Bernard-Stevens to LB 1044; Senator Warner to