

with it one more year before the special ed task force comes with their recommendation on how we fund special education? So I rise to ask the body to reconsider the Schimek amendment, which implies, if we reconsider it, that the action we took did not actually take place. I love how legislative processes work. You can actually change the past. But, nonetheless, then the Schimek amendment would be there. There's been no action technically taken on it and Senator Schimek would be able to, if she so desired, to bring it to a vote again and/or withdraw the amendment. I do want to say as far as Senator Schimek and Senator Beutler and others are concerned, even my school district certainly would have benefitted under the bill and so once again I'm going to do something if now I'm supporting 1050, which in the short term hurts North Platte but in the long term does not, and now I'm going to ask to reconsider the only amendment that would have added some more money to them for North Platte. But one of the things that developed over the last week or so as we've been all discussing it is a sincere desire to do something in regards close to what Senator Beutler and Senator Schimek were trying to do. It is a good concept. It is a good plan. And certainly there's my commitment and I know there's commitment of others that when we get into the over...the overview and the decision making on how we're going to fund and design the special ed concept in the state because we've put it under a cap with a 3 and a 2 percent growth, this concept has to be in the forefront and will be in the forefront of the debate. If the task force, hopefully they get the clue that we really do need this type of concept, you know, discussed in the task force, and if they don't, quite honestly, it's something that I and others are committed to do in the committee and/or on the floor. So Senator Schimek and Beutler and those that are...that supported the amendment, the point was valid. It was a good issue. It needs to be done, but the complexity of how the changes would have to be made on the floor on Select File make it such that it's just not doable at this point in time and it has to be something that will take place during that task...when that whole review next year comes on how we're going to appropriate and how we're going to spend special ed dollars. So to that, I commend those that pushed the amendment. It was in good faith. It was a good amendment. The idea was sound, but at this point in time it's just not workable on Select File to make to the changes we'd have to make, so I give them at least my solemn vow that I will be working very hard with them in order to obtain some type of process of which the major goal