

amendment. What Senator Bromm is basically doing, in my judgment, is he's making the valid argument the bill probably doesn't have enough votes for the emergency clause. But it will pass if the votes stay relatively the same, and I believe that they will. It will pass without the emergency clause. And so he's offering an amendment that would...would allow certain things to be implemented rather than having it delayed. But where the amendment is flawed is that only those things that Senator Bromm agrees with he has in the amendment. There are a lot of things that he chose not to include in the amendment that would be a problem. Impact aid is one that comes to mind that Senator Bromm doesn't have in his amendment. Alternative education is a problem that Senator Bromm doesn't have in his amendment. And let me explain why. The reason that the committee put the emergency clause wasn't because 1050 is so important that we want to do it right away, in fact it doesn't make any difference on 1050 if you have the emergency clause or not. But what does make a difference sometimes is the alternative education, the committee wanted to make sure that everyone understood what the rules and regs from the Department of Education were going to be. And for whatever reason, the department has been very slow with that. And so in recognition that there's a lot of concern about what the rules and regs would be which would dictate how much the cost is going to be, in the bill, that's not covered with Senator Bromm's, is a delay for a period of time so that we, the Legislature, and schools can look at the rules and regs and then decide if we want to continue that process or even repeal that process. So, number one, if we did it across the board, that might be one thing. But we're not doing it across the board. And I still point out, as Senator Bromm understands the procedure, we could not pass something with the emergency clause, pass it with the 25 votes and then certainly it could be reconsidered on the emergency clause. And if you don't want the thing delayed, that's fine. So we have a chance to do it all just within the process. I would take issue again with Senator Abboud. You know I don't know where he's been, but obviously it's...we hear different things, I guess, and that's the prerogative of all senators. But this whole concept of 1050 has been a work of compromise from the get-go. It started out with a task force meeting all summer throughout the state. It started out with the education hearing going across the state, getting input from the recommendations of the task force. We had two opposite extremes of bills introduced in committee, and they were compromised, at