

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Janssen and Bromm would move to amend, Mr. President, with AM4013.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen or Bromm. Senator Janssen is here. Go right ahead, Senator.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I bring this amendment from some conversation we had this morning with some school administrators, worried about the effect of judgements, I'll take the first part of the amendment. And this would be judgements that would be levied against a school district in the scenario of say, a school bus accident or something like that where the school was held liable for the injury or death of anyone on that school bus. I know that something like this happened in the Oakland school districts several years ago, and they are still paying on that, on that judgement that was issued by the courts. The second portion would be to pay for any lump sum payments which are required to be paid to certified employees under their early retirement pension benefit plan. I think this would help in twofold. It would get someone who is nearing retirement and it would require a lump sum payment out of that school district to give that retiring individual, or that retiring teacher a chance to get out of the system. As we all know, the older teachers are the more expensive teachers on your payroll, and it would allow the fact that at this older teacher, if there was a reduction in force, not to come in and bump someone on the lower end of the pay scale. So this would help the school in that area also. The third portion would be to eliminate any special sinking funds established for projects commenced or contracted and entered into prior to July 19 of this year for construction, expansion, or alterations of school district buildings. I know Senator Schellpeper had a bill just a little bit ago, it did basically the same thing for counties, only that date was in 1999. This would be anything that was established right at the present time or right up to July 19 of 1996. So I don't believe there would be a case where they would come in and try to establish a sinking fund in that big of a hurry of any significant importance any way, prior to that date that we have in the amendment. Thank you for your consideration and I'd try to answer any questions if I could.