

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Robinson, your light is next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question's been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease on the Abboud amendment to the Bohlke amendment to LB 1050? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud to close on his amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President, members. The amendment is relatively simple. It provides that with the passage of LB 1050 that the funding level for these nonequalized schools will suffer, but will not suffer quite as much as the bill would have us provide. We'd have a reduction in the amount of money that would be coming to 25 percent of the funds dedicated to support public schools, and would be based on the year 1993, excuse me, 1992-93, and according to the numbers, there would still be a substantial increase in the amount of money that would be going to equalization students, and equalization schools, but the loss of revenue to nonequalized schools would be a little bit less. This amendment, if I'd have wanted to kill the bill, I would offer a bracket motion or IPP motion. I realize that there is a number of people, a number of senators that would like to see this bill pass, so I'm offering this amendment in the hopes that a compromise, it, basically, splits the difference and it allows for some reduction in the amount of money that these nonequalized schools are going to be receiving, but it certainly provides for a substantial increase for the equalized schools. And that's my hope with the amendment, that we will be able to pass this bill with the amendment. If the amendment is adopted, I will vote for the bill, and I will urge others to do likewise. If the amendment is not adopted, this compromise is rejected, then I will be opposing the bill on Select File as well as on Final Reading, and I would urge the body to accept this compromise approach. Thank you very much.