

there is another amendment coming along that goes to the restricted funds. And the amendment that is up there, that we were to take, was basically a corrective amendment, one that dealt with a better definition of what capital improvements would be. There was a better method of calculation population growth and a definition of state aid, which was a clarification. There also was a reconciling the fact that some municipalities, I guess all except Lincoln and Omaha, in fact, had a 14-month fiscal year. There's a clarification of...so those are all equated back to a 12-year (sic), but it's less pertinent. Well, it is still pertinent, but it has to be done differently when we go to the revenue, restricted revenue side rather than the expenditure side, and then there is also a clarification on retired bonded indebtedness. All of these are corrective in nature, clarifications in nature. And so, Mr. Speaker, I could withdraw this on the assumption that these will be included in this amendment that will come later when it's completed.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Withem and Warner, AM4018. (Amendment can be found on page 1414 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem to open on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, we're all learning about this new rule about structuring the amendments. One thing I just learned is I guess I can structure them, but I can't force a senator to take them up when they come. So Senator Warner has decided to pull that one, and that's just fine. Let me comment just a little bit about what this amendment does and put it in the context of the other amendments that are up there. There are a lot of different amendments on this bill, and this is one where hopefully it will be useful to allow us to use this new rule a little bit. So let me explain what we have done. There are any number of ideas on 299 of how the lid should operate over the next two years and a considerable number of amendments up there. What we have found is that there is some which there's probably unanimity among the supporters of the bill and the opponents of the bill and everybody else that ought to go, and that's what this amendment is. It has my name on it, but these are not my ideas. This is