

restrictive and that again then is further encouragement to look for ways to be more cost-effective, if they can. But I believe it's a...will be an improvement on the proposed bill and I would be in support I believe most of the Revenue Committee had looked at this amendment, and I believe most of us are at least conceptually in support of its adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Robinson. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. There are certainly parts of the amendment that Senator Withem and Senator Warner have brought to us that I certainly support, specifically the special education, excluding that out makes a lot of sense. It appears that the unused budget authority, that Senator Vrtiska has brought, makes a lot of sense. The one question that I have, and I think I just...I probably wasn't listening well enough, so, Madam President, if I could ask Senator Withem a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Withem, could you clarify for me the comments you made about the lottery funds and how this either does or doesn't work into the amendment?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, thank you for asking that question. The...and I don't have a copy of the amendment. You may want... Let me tell you what I said, and then you may want to ask Senator Warner for a full clarification on this because he's the one that convinced me that the amendment was not needed. But it is not the intention of this bill, as Senator Warner has told me, to cause the lottery funds... If a school district makes a grant...receives an application for a grant, receives that grant and gets, we'll say, \$200,000 for a specific proposal, it is not the intention of this bill to make them cut \$200,000 of spending elsewhere to make that fit within their budget. And that is taken care of in the portion of the bill dealing with the revenue area, so we felt that was not needed to add it into this area. And if you'd like a more technical explanation of that, I'm sure Senator Warner might be able to offer that.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So then you're indicating then the amendment,