

SENATOR WILL: Yes, that's right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Will would move to the amend with the amendment you just gave me, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just a second. Prior to that, however, let me introduce, we have a guest under the north balcony. This time of year it's always nice when we have people who we care about a lot and have respected a great deal returning here to the Legislature to visit us, and I'd like to introduce at this point Elsie Barrett. (Laughter)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, and I guess her husband is along with her too. Congressman Bill Barrett is with us. Bill, very good to see you. And also we have the Congressman's aide, Bruce Reeker. Seriously, very happy to have all of you here with us today. Thank you for coming back. Senator Will on your amendment. (FA575 is found on page 1495 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This is an amendment that is currently being passed out. It's a floor amendment that I just drew up and it's sponsored by myself, Senator Bohlke and Senator Lindsay, and what it would do is it would strike the Brown amendment, as amended by the Lindsay amendment, which was just adopted, regarding the priority of cuts in funding that the intent of the Legislature would be that school districts take and, instead of referring to particulars such as extracurricular activities, student transportation, school building and ground maintenance, school expenses, business expenses and administrative costs, what this amendment would do is simply take the first sentence of the Brown...the original Brown amendment that was adopted earlier today and leave that in the legislation. So what would happen with the adoption of my amendment is that we would strike the Brown amendment, as amended by the Lindsay amendment, and we'd insert the following section that, "It is the intent of the Legislature that any reductions in a school district budget, made to comply with the budget limitation in," LB 299 would "affect classroom expenses as a last resort." I think this...what this does is it takes us back to a general legislative intent with respect to the budget reductions that may have to be made as a result of LB 299 and gets us away from