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clarified the growth of population, clarified the kind of state aid that would...would be included and also adjusted for the calculations for a 14-month period for those municipalities that had that to a 12-month period. The significant changes I think that have been done here, the concept is still retained of putting some limitations over these next two years while we are looking for more cost-effective government to be in effect. The incentive will be there to do that as the bill is currently written and should, during this interim period, serve to assist. Obviously, adjustments may be needed as we do the review over the next two legislative sessions. Been discussed numerous times on the whole package how the...many of the committees or at least most of...all of...certainly the committees that were involved in the LR 206 process would probably be involved again during these next two years. The other significant thing about the bill as it now stands is the administrative problems that might have been there in terms of working with it and supervising it have significantly changed with the bill as it is now amended and would ask that the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the motion to advance, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr Speaker and members of the Legislature, after this I'm going to get off my anti-Catholic binge, but I can't help it. I'm intoxicated. I feel...I hear voices now telling me things, really. And I was told that in the same way that this man is reviving the practice of excommunicating people he's brushing up on the exorcism rights and procedures and that after we leave here tonight he's going to come over here and perform an exorcism on the Capitol Building to exorcise me. He's going to exorcise me. But I invite him, have at it. Any of you all who saw "The Exorcist" saw what happened when that preacher went in there and that little girl had the demon in her and she was flying through the air and the old preacher wound up with a heart attack and the young preacher wound up jumping out the window and breaking his neck. Well, these are the kind of things that people have come to mind when they see these religious fanatics do the kinds of things that have been done. I have heard some things during prayers on the floor of the Legislature which I thought were inappropriate and since my colleagues don't mind having these religious people come in here and be insulting, disparaging and disrespectful, and it even