

within their...their neighborhood. So we're serious about that and that's a component of this bill. And if this bill gets held up, if this bill gets killed, then that proposal doesn't go through and I'm...and I think I'm in essence relieved from my promise on that if that were to happen. I think the time is we need to move forward on this bill. We've spent a lot of time on it. It's an incredibly important bill, but it's not one that we ought to spend a tremendous amount of time on here today, particularly hearing arguments that have been considered on General File, considered on Select File, and are being offered here again today. So I would urge the membership to defeat the Abboud amendment and then to vote yes on the reading of LB 1050 on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schelipeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam Chairman and members, I recently had a meeting with several superintendents in my district. And basically what they said is LB 1050 is a good bill, but it's probably one year too soon. We should put it off one year. It's a bill that eventually we have to do, but it's not something that we need this year. I think with the petitions that are out there, with all of the turmoil what's going on currently in this state, that maybe we should put it off. I have some districts that gain. I have some that lose. Basically I think my district about breaks even. But even the ones that lose say it's something that has to happen eventually, we need to get to this formula. But they said, if you could, try and put it off at least one more year until we see what happens. It's not something that has to go this year yet. Well, I think we've tried a couple different amendments this year to try to put it back one year. We weren't able to do that. I think this amendment, by phasing in, is something that I can live with, I think all the schools in my district can live with, and it's something I'm going to support. I would give the rest of my time, Madam Chairman to Senator Abboud. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud, you have three and a half minutes remaining.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President. You know, the one thing when we talk to our citizens, and I have talked to them about property taxes because I think property taxes are