

immediately preceding the school year for which the budget is being determined multiplied by the average ratio of average daily membership to fall membership for the most recent available data year and the two school years prior to that year by the average daily membership in the school district from the second school year preceding the year for which the budget is being determined and then subtracting one from the ratio. If the calculated growth in students is negative, the growth in students shall be zero for the purposes of this section." Beautiful!

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Am I closing?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, sir.

(LAUGHTER)

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I'll...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: In your dreams, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: (Laugh) In my dreams, huh? Well, I will comment the definition that's in here, as I understand it, conforms with the definition that's in 1050 that was passed this morning, and it is a formula which they're accustomed to dealing with and, as far as how it works, it works just the way the words read.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you for that clear explanation. Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen waives off. Senator Robinson on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to make a comment about Senator Chambers. You know, a lot of times I can't follow him and finally he said something that I could follow him right through. Thank you. Thanks a lot, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Warner, you're recognized to close on the amendment to the amendment. Closing is waived. The question is, shall the