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anticipated, they'll obviously fall under it and, therefore, they would automatically be disqualified, and I guess I have a problem in that area in trying to determine particularly those schools that are very near the point that they have to be. So, unless he can give me some reason why it would not happen, I would have to oppose the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the Beutler amendment? Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, all this amendment does is bring us into consistency with what is our...what has been our expressed general educational policy in the state and that is not to give state aid money to school districts that everybody would agree can help themselves. We know there are a large number of school districts in the state that happen to have plenty of valuation or who, for other reasons, may not levying their maximum levy, and all this amendment would do would say we want to direct state aid to those school districts, and that's most of the school districts, but to the school districts that really need the money. Because if there's any justification for state aid at all, the only justification for state aid is that it puts too much pressure on some school districts in terms of their property tax levies. But if, in fact, you're talking about districts that have very low levies and, in short, are not asking their property tax payers to do the same as most other districts are, in terms of taxing their property tax payers, and then in not only not requiring the same sacrifice from property tax payers but they are asking for state money for programs on the same basis of those who have...of those districts who have low valuation and therefore cannot afford to pay for it simply wouldn't make sense at all. So, without this amendment, we're passing...we would be passing a bill that is 100 percent diametrically opposed to our educational state aid policy and all this does is tend to bring it into compliance because...into conformity. Because, and importantly I think, there's probably not going to be enough money to do everything that everybody is going to want to do. So if there's not going to be enough money for all districts to do everything that they want to do, shouldn't the money go to those districts that can least afford to do these kinds of things? And certainly it shouldn't go to