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schools and our obligation to the TEEOSA fund, and so I really do not see this as necessary at this time. And oftentimes, we have things that are even of good intent that then offer some or bring some confusion to people when they're reading intent in one area of the law and legislation in another area. And so I'm very hesitant to go forward with that, and for that added reason, I will not be supporting the amendment. Thank you, and I give back the balance of my time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I...I keep hearing that people cannot support the amendment, and yet when the rationales are expressed, it all says back to me, again, they are statements of reasons of why the amendment should be supported. For example, supporting ongoing appropriations with reserve funds, bad idea, a couple of the speakers that are against this amendment suggested that. You shouldn't be doing that. Why are we transferring \$35 million of reserve funds to support the ongoing program for state aid at a higher level? We can't sustain it. If the money in the General Fund two years from now is not sufficient as a general matter to support that increase of state aid to education, that's how we should be funding it, right? If we can't do that, we can't sustain it. If we can't sustain it, there's no point in using general reserve funds. Why would you use reserve funds? All that does is take away your ability to cushion the blow of bad years. I wish somebody would explain that one to me at some point in time. It was suggested that my amendment wasn't in order, that it didn't make perfect sense. I think that it does, but I think what is really happening is that they're trying very hard to give you one or two little reasons why you should not be in favor of this amendment because I think the mood of the body is that they want to grasp on to any little thing to support this bill just the way it is, even though this portion of the bill is totally, totally illogical, bad policy, unprecedented bad policy, and makes no sense. One thing that I wanted to talk about that is a little bit different, and I don't know if I'll have time but I'll start into it. On General File, we talked about the fact that we have a considerable potential litigation contingency in the bad-faith lawsuit that the low-level waste people and the low-level waste compact has filed against the state of Nebraska. That potential liability is up