SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...I'm addressing. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, as Senator Raikes indicated, the heart of the bill really is in the amendment that he will be presenting, so you can either listen to me explain to you regression analysis, which rather than getting to regression might send you to depression, and...or simply saying that Senator Raikes' amendment really gets to the heart of the bill, and I would just defer to that. Senator Raikes, do you want any of my remainder time for further explanation of your amendment?

SENATOR RAIKES: (Microphone malfunction)...generated there. What I'd like to do, and, seriously, thank you for the time, is talk a little bit about what it is I am trying to offer to you in the way of modifications of the current statute. Let me begin with a definition of "cost components". Currently, we basically have two cost components. Well, maybe that's not quite accurate. Within a sparsity class we have two cost components. One of them is simply the average cost per student. The other one is an adjustment depending upon the demographic characteristics of the student population. What I mean here is if you have a percentage of students that are English as a second language students or who are poverty students, there is an adjustment in the current formula to allow some additional cost to a school system dealing with those...those factors. We are...what I am proposing would allow...would keep those two factors and add two more. One of them would be a cost per system, unrelated to the number of students involved. Another one would be what I'll call a scale factor. The net impact of these, first, including a cost per system, is...I guess what I would say an intuitive advantage. The way we currently describe costs in schools is that if you have one student your cost of running your school system is $4,500; if you have two students it's $9,000. Clearly, that's probably not very accurate. More likely what your situation is, it's going to cost you a certain amount to open the doors and then, once you get the doors open, the staff hired, then it will cost some additional amount for