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I were just going over some of the points that we think that bring an improvement to our current state aid formula. I happen to think one of the strongest ones and I have said many times that doing it per student I think brings some criticism that the current state aid formula sometimes deserves. Because you gain three students that doesn't necessarily mean you have to hire a new teacher. Because you lose two students doesn't mean that you can cut your costs. It always depends where those are going to happen. By recognizing the base cost I believe that that certainly is an improvement. Some of the others issues I've raised and, you know, that I hope we continue to discuss on Select File are the ones that you've heard some discussion on the floor and I know eventually Senator Raikes will have to get to the all-important printout. But I appreciate the work he's done. All along he's shown me what he's plugging into the formula. You know, it's like any formula. It's going to have winners and losers eventually, but I do think, especially on that issue of the per student, that it...this is a better way of looking at it and I think a fairer way of looking at it. There are some other concerns I have that I hope when we get to Select File that we could address, but I support the committee amendments and I support moving LB 715 to Select File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 715. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the advancement of LB 715. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I very much appreciate the discussion and your indulgence. I realize that by handing out numbers you may run