

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

March 30, 2000 LB 1138

we diverted monies from that aid pool to NRDs to make up for automobile taxes that NRDs were going to lose. We have reduced that pool for some counties because of additional farm equipment that has gone onto their tax rolls. But at any rate, that pool of money was out there. We also have a pool of money that we created two years ago that is distributed on a road mile formulation that is somewhat patterned after the way we distribute gas tax dollars. That was an equalization component that we added to the bill. We had monies that we distributed on the basis of population that was an insurance tax premium tax distribution. We had monies that we distributed on the basis of a formula that was like the NRD formula, the bigger your tax bill, the more aid you got out of the pool. We proposed, in the green copy, integrating all of those into one pool of dollars and then dividing that pool of dollars up among three different methodologies for distribution, two of them equalized methods, one of them continuation of the road fund distribution, the other a new kind of distribution based on a proxy for human services that might be needed in a county. That proxy was poverty in the green copy of the bill, as measured by U.S. census data and then compared to capacity in each county to fund the kind of poverty or the kind of services that that poverty might have indicated. And then finally any remaining funds, after distribution through those two equalization funds, would have gone out per capita. That basic structure is preserved even with the committee amendment and with the amendment that I'm going to suggest. The amendments primarily change the definition of the way that poverty is determined and then changes the amount of money that goes into the fund. I might also note that there would be a Select File amendment offered to the bill, if it advances,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...with the amendments intact, that Select File amendment would put in a delayed effective date for the county aid distribution portion of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You are recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 1138.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. Mr. President, members of the body,