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neighbor and, hopefully, putting together a more efficient school district that is able to provide a greater array of services to the students, which is why we have schools in the first place. But we're also realists. We recognize that there's not the money in the budget to do this at this time, and rather than hold out the false hope of extending the time, it's better to leave the time in place as it currently is provided, and the resources as currently appropriated, that even in that method will have to be prorated, but at least the schools who are entitled to them will receive closer to what they're expected. I don't like to have to take this position, but we do determine our priorities. If there's any time left in the opening, I would return that to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Bohlke, you have about three minutes left.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Coordsen. I had some discussion with Senator Wehrbein who has an idea that we may be able to, on the next amendment following, substitute and this was new information to me, but hope springs eternal. And so, with that, I will pull this amendment and I believe I have the next amendment filed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bohlke would move to return for AM3318. (AM3318, Legislative Journal page 1618.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized on your motion to return LB 1213 to Select File.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As I had just said to you, I didn't think we were going to be able to get this accomplished, the Chair of our Appropriations Committee said he may have a way and, in fact, is having an amendment drawn up that eventually could be substituted for this amendment that, if you remember last year we passed a bill with a Hardship Fund originally. Senator Cudaback remembers this, it was his priority bill. It was going to be a grant for school districts who needed money. We had long discussion and ended up having to do it as a loan. Because it's a loan, we have not had any