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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.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

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is Senator Bromm, but, Senator, I have a note on...AM3340 is to be withdrawn, Senator, is that right?

SENATOR BROMM: That's correct, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to return for AM3364. (AM3364, Legislative Journal page 1688.)

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. AM3364 is an attempt to deal with a situation where a district is shorted in state aid funds and then the next year, due to the...what's called the "respin" in 79-1065, they are then paid the funds that they were shorted in the previous fiscal year, state aid funds. This amendment does two things. If a district is, in fact, entitled to those "respin" funds, this says that they would be repaid in a lump sum and they would be paid not later than the last business day of September of the year that the "respin" is calculated. It also...it also provides...this is an idea that's been around for awhile, and the Department of Education has suggested while we're doing this, that would provide that where a school district is entitled to receive a monthly payment in state aid of less than a thousand dollars that that lump sum payment be made during December in one payment rather than stretching that over ten months and the paperwork associated with that, so it does two things. Let me explain briefly why I brought this amendment to begin with. Quite awhile after bill introduction, it came to my attention that a school district in my legislative district, through what I would call a clerical error, was shorted on their state aid funds the additional funds for roughly 212 limited English-speaking students, limited English proficiency, LEP students. They were shorted between 240 and 250 thousand dollars. And basically, there really isn't anything we can do