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through the formula. School districts are relying on it. We're saying that's going to be our share of the load that we're going to carry for K-12 funding. We should honor whatever our formula is. We can't just change the dials and change the settings from year to year to accommodate our problems. The other reason I support it, and this might sound a little disingenuous perhaps, but I support it because it highlights what I think the problem is. And other folks have mentioned the numbers. I'll just review them real quickly. Without the Bourne amendment, state aid to schools is projected to grow at \$150 million in fiscal year '05-06, first year of the next biennium, or the out years as we call them. One hundred fifty million without the Bourne amendment, and without the Bourne amendment over that next biennium, nearly \$400 million of growth in state aid to schools. With the Bourne amendment, at least on your sheet here that gives you the running totals, state aid to schools will go up \$200 million in fiscal year '05-06, and then nearly \$500 million over the biennium, the next biennium, not the one we're working on now. At least that's the promise we're going to be making. That's the commitment our formula says we have to honor. So quite frankly, that's one of the reasons I support this amendment. It's sort of a truth in state aid amendment. Remember what we're doing. In the budget we're working on now, we're going to artificially, arbitrarily squash down the growth in state aid according to our formula, and then, boom, in the third year it pops back up, \$150 million, \$200 million, whatever it's going to be. And it goes on and on, up from there. So I support this amendment because if we're going to have a formula, we should honor it and because also it really tells us the truth about what we're going to be facing in terms of a fiscal shock wave down the road for state aid. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Bourne amendment, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to follow up a little bit on what Senator Raikes had said there. While it will change the number in the out years, there is no change to the funding requirements. So this amendment will not require us to spend any additional funds and, of course, the