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amendments explained by Senator Warner to 1126. Please record your vote. Please record your vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments, sections one and two. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the first committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The first committee amendment is adopted. Next is the remaining part of the divided question, section three of the committee amendments. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the second part of the committee amendment was in reaction to some people who had appeared at the hearings suggesting that it would be desirable to make an additional appropriation for the existing state aid for schools. The proposed amendment would add \$25 million to the current, approximately \$135 million. Additional funds would be distributed at \$12.5 million, what we traditionally refer to as foundation aid and \$12.5 million what we traditionally refer to as equalization aid. I think that it would be appropriate that since the funds, should the Legislature appropriate it directly back to the school boards, school districts, to utilize as they can best see fit, it would make some reduction in assuming that the same amount of funds are going to be spent by a local school district for their educational programs that then it would provide at least \$25 million of property tax avoidance in the event that the Legislature should enact it. So I would recommend that the body adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin, do you wish to speak on this portion of the amendment?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, I just want to make sure that everyone understands what this amendment will do. This amendment will provide \$25 million state aid to schools. I think it is important that everybody fully understands what that does. We have a number of other proposals moving along this process right now that deal with state aid to schools.