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PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR LAMB: What, if any, would be the advantage of putting the \$25 million in this bill as compared to LB 341 which we advanced the other day?

SENATOR WARNER: Well as I understand 341, Senator Vickers can correct me, but I believe that that contains some additional future impact on state aid. As I recall, it does have the requirement that funding be progressively increased. Obviously each Legislature could or could not do that in the future. But I think the adoption of this amendment gives...there is three options and it has already been described. This is \$25 million to be distributed under the existing law, under the existing formula with half of it being foundation and half of it equalization. The Legislature has that option. Or the other option you have, of course, is 341 or 944, both of which would have some departure from the existing law. I am sure some would consider those improvements.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Warner. I believe with that explanation, since we seem to be putting off the big decisions later and later in the session and in keeping with that sort of a policy, why don't we just advance this bill and we can make all those big decisions somewhere down in the next 15 days.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, do you want to comment on this matter?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I will take a very brief time but I guess, I think I am going to support this idea because I feel like we have to make some commitments in some areas and I have a bad feeling that between 994, 341, the state aid bill and 457, the retirement bill, I don't see all three of those packages being passed