

February 13, 1966 LB 349, 464, 901, 938, 1174, 1217, 1321, 1355

Committee will meet in executive session underneath the south balcony now; Government Committee underneath the outh balcony immediately. Senator Kristensen, amendments to be printed to 938 and to 464. Priority bill designation, Senator Dierks, LB 1174, as an Agriculture Committee priority bill. Hearing notice from the Ag Committee signed by Senator Dierks. Urban Affairs reports 1321, General File with amendments; and 1355, General File with amendments. Those signed by Senator Hartnett. Transportation, LB 901, General File with amendments, signed by Senator Kristensen. And Revenue Committee, 1217, General File with amendments, signed by Senator Warner. (See pages 767-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, with respect to 349 I have amendments to the bill. The first amendment is by Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek is excused.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We'll pass over. Is anyone prepared to handle Senator Schimek's motion, amendment? We will pass over it.

CLERK: Senator Withem, AM2953, I have a note you want to withdraw that, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Robak, I had an amendment, Senator, withdraw. I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem, to speak to LB 349.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I stand and ask the body not to advance LB 349. Have a number of comments I'd like to make, hopefully I can make them all in one five-minute time period. First of all, people are talking about adding income to the formula. Income is in the formula. Almost 30 percent, I think, and Senator Bohlke will be more current than I am on this, but I think almost 30 percent of state aid money is distributed based on an income mechanism. The School Finance Review Committee that originally crated LB 1059 looked at low income could be included within the formula. They looked at this proposal, they chose not to adopt this one, they chose to adopt the rebate provision instead. The reason for that is critical. The reason for that is critical because in order for