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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Does this amendment do the same thing that overriding 1110 would do?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, because this does not get to that issue of the difference of opinion between the 180 trust fund and the General Funds. What this does, I had said that there was that disagreement I guess between the Appropriations Committee and the Governor's Office. I said, as Chair of the Education Committee, I...that was not my battle. My concern was making sure that we correctly had the formula in place and the ability to send the money to the ESUs. This does that. We could still go ahead with the override, but it would be more to the issue of that disagreement between the Appropriations Committee and the Governor.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. I don't know that I would necessarily characterize the situation involving LB 1110 as a disagreement only with the Appropriations Committee. It's my judgment that the Appropriations Committee actions reflect the intent by the Legislature in the decisions that were made last year relative to LB 180. And I think that Senator Coordsen addressed that. I don't see Senator Coordsen on the floor right now, but I think he addressed that when we had a previous discussion relative to this particular issue. I have some reluctance at this point. I guess I'm not sure exactly what I would intend to do. I certainly don't want to support the amendment if that means that it will be less likely that the override would be successful. So I'll continue to listen and I appreciate the response of Senator Bohlke's to my questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, what was your answer, Senator Bohlke?

SENATOR BOHLKE: To which question? What the override would do with this? What I've said is that I think this clarifies the issue of the funding for the ESUs. It would seem to me that there would still be that issue hanging out there on the 180