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all right. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Dworak, you made your comments that the amendment doesn't really do very much but that is not true. That is a very drastic amendment. I would like to compliment Senator Carsten and the Revenue Committee on putting out what I think is an excellent piece of legislation. I think the only questions I had dealt in a particular area in terms of growth but I will address myself to Senator Carsten when we discuss the bill so I will make my remarks to the Dworak amendment. Senator Dworak, you have drastically changed the intent of the bill. It is not just a simple amendment dealing with a percentage. What you are talking about is a raise to 7%. You are saying that you are not allowed any growth factor until you hit 7%. Now I don't know exactly where we came up with the wisdom of 1% for 1% increase in growth. As a matter of fact, I recall and you remember too because we were both on that committee, I made a suggestion two years ago that we use some sort of growth factor and hence the magic figure 1% for every 1% of growth came up. I don't know if that is the right solution. You could have an increase in costs and electricity as Senator Keyes has in his amendment even though you don't have an increase in enrollment but certainly when you get to the point of having a 4% or a 5% increase in enrollment that is in a school or a 4 or 5% increase in population if it be in the case of a city or a county, you are going to experience certainly some increases in costs. There is just hardly any way that you can't do that and yet Senator Dworak is saying with his amendment the magic percentage is 7%. You do not get to have any increases until you hit 7% other than what you normally get in your budget. I support the committee amendments. I think they have been well thought out by a large number of individuals for a period of two months and I would support those committee amendments entirely and would oppose any amendments that I have seen so far to damage LB 285 as written or the committee amendments on the bill. I oppose the Dworak amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR KEYES: Just one short question of Senator Dworak.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, will you respond?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

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