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\$55 million to state aid to schools. 7% increase in the state aid would be approximately 3.85 so I am rounding it off to the next figure which would be \$4 million. There is an old saying, if you can't get the whole hog, you are better off taking part of it and this is what I propose to do. I move for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I guess I would oppose the amendment to the amendment, too, on the basis that it is almost insignificant, well, it is insignificant in terms of any benefit to school districts. I want to point out again although the assumption that whatever the amount you use I would agree with those who have spoken ahead that it means you ought to be taking it out of some other existing budget that is already on its way across. If you look on the back of the green sheet, you will see that we are, already to stay under 7%, receipts are anticipated to be less than that. Secondly when you look at the predictions, the certainty factor, the most probable thing according to the mathematical calculations of predictions to occur is a deep recession which is \$13 million less income than we are projecting on the green sheet. Now it is true that the certainty factors are a very minor difference in terms of percentage of certainty but again the reason we picked the \$590 million as opposed to \$592 million, which isn't all that significant in terms of the total, but it still appears to be a more reasonable assumption based upon the certainty factors on the predictions than any other figure. Again I would repeat, if you want to increase the state aid by \$30 million, \$35 million, I have no problem supporting that and the benefit of it will be evident both ways, increased rates, decreased property taxes, but to put a minor amount which will have no impact on property tax relief, certainly will very well effect rates, that it seems to me is not a logical route to go.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Duis, do you want to talk to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I do and I want to make mention of the fact that I don't believe that there would be any use in raising the amount unless we would change the formula first and I don't know whether Senator Hefner, are you listening to what I have just said? We have got to change the formula first before we increase the amount, because if we don't, why we still have a disparity that won't amount to much.