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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Beutler and then we will have to come back and see if we have got all this together. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think what I would like to do is to set out for you basically the two essential differences between the committee amendments and the Koch amendments because basically that is what we are going to be talking about here, at least until those amendments which Senator Koch has proposed are dealt with. I have put on each of your desks some material which is entitled "Committee Amendments to LB 363 Explained" and if you would look on there you can read through the provisions that are in the bill with the committee amendments attached and that would be how the bill would be with the committee amendments. Okay, let me say first of all there are a couple of things that will be the same whether you adopt the Koch amendments or whether you adopt the committee amendments and the committee amendments, by the way, I might say by way of parenthetical, that those are not my amendments. I agreed to draft them. They are a conglomeration of ideas from several people on the committee so they are truly committee amendments. Okay, but two things that are going to be the same, exactly the same whether you vote for the committee amendments or whether you vote for the Koch amendments. First of all, the lid provisions, the essential reliance on 285 as the governing lid provision would be the same. That is, from the original bill, both sets of amendments eliminate separate lid provisions. Secondly, the new funding formula which was in the original bill is left intact by the committee amendments and left intact by the Koch amendments. So that also is exactly the same. Now, what is to be decided are essentially two issues, one, whether you have a council and whether that council is worthwhile. The committee amendments delete the council. The Koch amendments do not and, secondly, what you want to do with capital construction. The committee amendments, to oversimplify slightly, reduce the capital construction mill levy to .2 of a mill. The Koch amendments as Senator Koch has explained do nothing with the existing mill levy which means it could be as high one mill. Okay, so basically I think that explanation and along with looking at the material that is on your desk will explain for you what the committee amendments do and I would like to make some remarks with regard to the council when the debate on that is in order but I think that can wait.

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