

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I, too, have had an opportunity to review Senator Schmit's amendment on page 1283 and would ask this body to adopt it. As Senator Johnson has represented, it is merely a technical amendment so that Senator Schmit can make his own amendment work better. I think there is no reason for us not to adopt it so that Senator Schmit can have his amendment put in the form he would like to have it in and I would support Senator Johnson's motion to return the bill to Select File for purposes of adopting that amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Johnson, I have a memorandum from you and it states that the Schmit amendment adopted on Select File is deleted, and in its place is inserted a section providing a legislative intent, a commitment to limit the burden on property tax for funding public elementary and secondary education. The intent is stated that after September 1, 1989, no more than 45 percent of the total operating costs for all public elementary and secondary schools would be funded from local property taxes. Is that the amendment we are talking about?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Not at all. Senator Haberman, I am doing a courtesy to Senator Schmit by offering his amendment that would simply make technical changes to the language that this body adopted that he offered on Select File. It is a clean-up amendment and I think we should adopt it. Later on we will deal with the stuff that you just referred to.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, why should we bring this back and deal with his technical amendments when this amendment that he is going to propose may not pass? Shouldn't we wait and see if his amendment passes and then deal with the technical amendments? Aren't we doing this the cart before the horse?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, I try not to do the cart before the horse. I am just trying to keep the order that the amendments are up here in and I would be more than willing