

other districts would be raising less. I guess I have a few little problems along those lines.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the Schmit amendment as adopted on Select File isn't good policy. It isn't good policy because of the way it operates against each and every budget of every school in this state and it really takes away a great deal of their local choice because when they want to raise their budgets they can only raise it one-third and there has to be some mechanism from the state. And, frankly, if you read the language, which I voted against but which most of the opponents of the bill voted for and were responsible in large measures in putting on the bill, I think, supporting the genuine movement towards this end, that mechanism doesn't work easily for a school district and provides difficulties in the budgetary process. We also can't tell how much money we are looking at but probably more than this Legislature or its successors will wish to put into the kitty. At the same time, I am torn. I share that goal but I want it to be an attainable goal, a realistic one and one that can be achieved. Here is some language I can support and more importantly, if you put me to the tests, if you say, Dave, what are you going to do on LB 505 that raises state aid, I will tell you I will vote for it. This takes it out of the language as it was written, it creates an attainable goal and it challenges each of us to find in our existing mechanisms, Senator Remmers' 505, for example, a way to turn this into hard dollars and not political slogans. The goal of this language on Select File is fine. The mechanism isn't. I think this is a more realistic substitute as a goal and I am prepared to make the first step this year. I will vote for hard dollars this year and raise state sales and income tax dollars to do it. I am not sure whether the people who supported the good faith effort of Senator Schmit on Select File will do the same, but I am ready to. I am ready to put some money where this language is and I hope others are too. It is preferable, I think, to that which was adopted on Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please. Then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I supported