

under your proposal?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes. My distribution formula is this summer you and I am sure that whole education committee when this bill passes, and, as I say, I think it is going to pass, will be working diligently to come up with it and I will work with you anyway I can to accomplish exactly what you and I are talking about, but I don't think at this particular point, like between now and the time we vote on this, I have got a formula I can offer you that does that. The goals are stated. The general methods are stated. The time table is stated and I think we fill in the blanks and dot the t's and cross the, no, dot the i's and cross the t's over the summer and then we have them ready next session.

SENATOR LAMB: In other words, it is "trust me" again but...

SENATOR DECAMP: Yeah.

SENATOR LAMB: ...you mentioned that the Education Committee would be holding these hearings, but under the provisions of LB 662, it is a special committee created by the Executive Board headed by the Chairman of the Education Committee and the Chairman of the Revenue Committee so there is no reason to believe that some of us will be on that committee.

SENATOR DECAMP: Oh, I am sure you will be there. I believe that as much as I believe you are standing behind me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, as Senator DeCamp has urged the opponents to support this measure, I would encourage the proponents to support it as well. Over the intervening period since we voted on the amendment this morning, we have spent a considerable amount of time and I think that this particular amendment is a good compromise. Number one, we have brought the price tag down from 180 plus or minus 20 million down to a 100 to 120 million and that is important. It is important to bring that price tag down and we have done that by retaining the 45 percent. The amendment this morning would have dropped it to 40 percent. Now the second thing we have done in response to Senator Warner's admonitions through the days is another excellent change and that is that we actually provided the funding, maybe not all of the funding to the last dollar, maybe a