

end it may well be that, well, I shouldn't say it may well be, my personal feeling is that we should continue to deal with the state aid issue, that we should work hard to find a right state aid solution, that assuming I can find 25 members of this body or we can find 25 members in this body that are willing to strip off the funding in 662, then we will try that again, but in the meantime, I am going to work very conscientiously and very diligently on the state aid issue. The committee amendments, and you have got a bunch of handouts now, I think, they are coming around. I don't know if you have got them all. I still have got some packets of stuff on my desk but the committee amendments are very simple. Number one, they remove from LB 505 the dedicated one and a half cents sales tax increase. Number two, instead they simply allocate a new \$90 million to state aid. The current allocation is \$133 million. This allocates a new \$90 million. Number three, half of that state aid allocation is distributed pursuant to the foundation formula which currently exists in statute. The other half is distributed pursuant to the equalization formula which currently exists in statute. Finally, finally, we reimposed the lid, that terrible three-letter word, we reimposed the lid for school districts only for a two-year period, for a two-year time period, and the lid law that we reimposed is basically the one that Senator Hannibal brought to the committee earlier in this session. You have on your desks three different items. The first one simply is how the state aid is computed, one sheet, one piece of paper. You will have on your desk the chart showing how much money really is needed over a period of time to fund LB 662. And I think that Kitty and other Pages are passing out the charts which show you how much each school district in the state will receive under the new state aid formula. Now with that I am going to offer the committee amendments and let the conversation flow.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make a short statement. I have been very proud of the Legislature so far this year because I guess I believe that essentially in almost all respects we have acted in a very nonpartisan manner, that is I believe that each and every member of the Legislature almost all the time is following his or her philosophic beliefs. And this morning I asked some very pointed