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SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. And the other half of your concept will be advanced as an amendment onto LB 2?

SENATOR VICKERS: That is correct.

SENATOR WITHEM: So, if this particular proposal is successful, and if your attempt to amend LB 2 is not successful, all we will have succeeded in doing is cut an additional \$2.3 million from state aid to education to continue to be distributed to nonaccredited schools, you know, whatever other problems exist within the current formula will continue to be used.

SENATOR VICKERS: That is correct, Senator Withem, and of course this is the only way I can do it because this is the order of the bills that are up.

SENATOR WITHEM: I understand that. I understand that. Conceptually, if somehow we had your whole proposal in front of us, I would be 100 percent supportive of it. Frankly though, given my strong arguments yesterday against cutting the 1.9 million from the budget, I'm not ready to roll the dice here today to cut another 2.3, hoping that we get your proposal adopted. I am going to support the rest of your proposal and if we can bring this bill back after we get your other proposal done to amend the 2.3, I'd certainly consider cutting it out at that point, but just to cut it out of the budget right now on the offhand hopes that we are going to accomplish something on the fourth day of a special session that we haven't been able to accomplish for the last 10 or 15 years, I'm not quite prepared to do that, therefore, I am not going to vote for this particular budget cut. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I'm not sure how many people understand what the proposal is. In fact, I'm not sure I understand it, but as I get it, this is a proposal to make an additional cut to state aid to schools in the amount of \$2 million or so. And then the other half of the proposal as has been brought out would be to change the rules by which that money is distributed would go to state aid to schools would no longer go to some of the smaller schools. Well, I guess you know what my reaction is to that and I am opposed to it. I am opposed also to the further reduction in state aid to schools at