

the bill over or take it up at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Take it up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Withdraw the motion, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Further motions.

CLERK: Senator, would you like to pass over your amendments as well?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. Senator Abboud. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, I assume the motion is to advance?

PRESIDENT MOUL: That's correct.

SENATOR WARNER: I rise to oppose the advancement of 1272. We now have a bill which has an eight and a half million dollar increase...reduction in revenue to local governments, which they either make up with local property taxes, a million seven in the bill as it was established, plus six point eight million, approximately, that goes to cities and counties. I'm a little at a loss. I hear...I think back last year we had 20 million more that we put into education, as I recall, in 1059. I agree that teachers are the most important thing in an education system. We had the option, last year, to fully fund the teachers salary with that additional money that went into 1059. We chose not to do it. I would have supported that position. But as I recall the argument, we put it into 1059 for property tax relief. So, what do we do this year? We dump some more load right back on the property owner, to the tune of 8.5 million. Doesn't make a lot of sense. In the process we also will increase the gas tax, or further delay road improvements across this state. And the ones that are going to