

SENATOR SCHROCK: But I don't think the school aid compensates for the 1059 formula, which...which...which they're going to need this money up-front. They don't need it a year from now or two years from now. They need the money up-front for their additional students, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But there is an offset, though. We'll have to admit that, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes. Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. You singled out Senator...let's see, who was it, I can't...Senator Haberman, I guess it was, and myself talking about hold harmless in talking about your rural districts losing, you know, if the tax issue goes down and would you like to amplify just a little on that? I'd like a little explanation of that statement.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, Senator Robinson, as I understand it, if we don't pass the hold harmless provision, the hold harmless provision will assure that school districts will not lose additional 1059 funds under the formula...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I understand that.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ..than they've previously gone down to, because some of them are at a rather low level and, with the addition of the personal property tax going on the tax rolls and some affiliation taking place, some of these school districts are going to lose some pretty big money if we don't pass hold harmless for two years, and Senator Withem recognized that there was going to be some confusion out there and so he agreed to this two-year hold harmless provision, which does not benefit urban schools at all. But in the interest of keeping things rolling along at a rather even keel, he agreed to hold harmless and I think, along with hold harmless, we ought to recognize that some rapid growth districts also have some problems as far as state aid to education under the 1059 formula.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, let's go back...let's go back to the...you're saying if the constitutional amendment goes down the drain then there's going to be some schools hurting. Is that what you're...isn't that the statement you made, sir?

SENATOR SCHROCK: But even if the constitutional amendment