

does affect state aid because when we passed LB 1059 we send money to school districts based on their valuation. The common levy would merge the entire valuation of a Class VI school district. The Class VI school district in total will receive less state aid. That will be more money that's distributed to school districts that have a greater need, and I think that's a positive impact of the bill. I don't know how many specific dollars and cents would be impacted in your district, however.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you. I seen some figures and I think the grade school in Valentine will lose about over \$200,000, and that's too much of a loss in my district so I'd have to stand in opposition of this here common levy. The in lieu of tax I would support, but we just have to vote down this whole amendment that's bringing it out right now. Thank you. And I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Wickersham if he wants it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you. A couple of things that keep coming up and I don't know whether to try to deal with them piecemeal or not. But since the last point had come up as to what effect this might have on state aid, I think a number of people have seen numbers that may or may not have been projections of what the effect of the common levy would have. I was gratified to hear Senator Withem say that he doesn't know what effect the common levy would have on state aid. I think that's absolutely the correct answer. I don't think anybody knows what effect it would have on state aid; and in particular, I don't think we can know that because of the changes in the valuation of agricultural lands if for no other reason. So if you've seen numbers, I don't see any way that you can rely on any numbers that you may have seen in this area. I just don't think there are any numbers that are reliable. Senator Withem asked me if I could try to explain why someone in Holt County has a zero levy. Well, I guess I can't respond in the kind of detail that I would normally want to respond to that kind of a question with. But in general, a school that has a zero levy I'm assuming has zero spending. And if I recall correctly and I'm really not an authority in this area so maybe Senator Withem will have to correct any mistakes that I make, but it seems to me if you have a school that has zero spending you have zero students. And if you have zero students, that school is probably on its way out. And in fact, that's the situation with a number of Class Is in the state at the present time. In fact,