

going to take advantage of that and spend through the ceiling, it's not going to happen, they're under lids. They are under lids like everybody else. We've had a year of some school districts affiliated, I've asked, have you seen aberrations in spending pattern, they haven't been there. It's a total red herring. We hear about needs by students. Really that's what we heard when 1059 was brought up, that oh, yes, some school districts have higher levies because they want to spend more on kids, until we found out that the higher levied districts were the ones that were spending less and the lower levied districts were spending more. In the examples that we used here, Windy Meadows Public Schools, zero levy, two kids, spend over \$10,000 on each kid. Prairie Rose School has two kids, spends over \$10,000 on each kid, has a 37 cent levy where there are other school districts in that school district that have twice that. Final point I guess I'd like to make, I've...one of the things I have noticed as I walk around the Chamber, a number of you have on your desk a book called Reinventing Government. It's a good book, it's an excellent book. We need to think more of that particularly in tough budget times. It basically argues that we have to, if we're going to get government under control, are going to have to break down some of the pre-existing institutions. We're going to have to make some fundamental changes in the way in which we structure government in this state. Does this do that? No, it doesn't revolutionize that, but I'd argue if you can't do what Senator Will has correctly indicated, a no "brainer", saying that everybody who uses the same high school ought to pay the same levy to support the high school and the feeder systems in that, if you can't do that, you're not going to be able to have what it takes to get government under control. This is a small step to doing that. If you can't do this, there's a lot of other things that need to get but you're not going to be able to get done. Senator Baack, if you'd like to use the rest of my time I'd be happy to yield it to you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Madam President and colleagues, there has been a lot of discussion about the procedure and the process that we've used, but there certainly has been very little discussion to say why we shouldn't do this policywise. It has been very interesting and it's something that isn't a new idea. I've introduced it three years in a row. It is something that has been out there in front of us. It's