

April 7, 1994

LB 1136A, 1136

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Byars amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President. I move LB 1136 be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 1136 advances. LB 1136A.

CLERK: LB 1136A, Senator, there are E & R amendments first of all.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Madam President, I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The amendments...

CLERK: Senator McKenzie would move to amend the bill. (McKenzie amendment, AM3795, appears on page 1818 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President. I offer this amendment only to make a statement on the floor about an issue that we've heard about before. And once I make my plea to you in preparation for next year, I will respectfully withdraw this amendment. My amendment asks that \$100,000 be appropriated from the A bill to fund the problems that we're experiencing in Region III. And I know we talked before about the methodology and the way in which funds are distributed to the various regions across the state to deal with developmental disabilities. And I want us to think again and commit ourselves to whether or not we believe, in fact, that this system needs to be equalized as we have taken the hard course to equalize school financing and other issues across the state. The methodology currently used was based on a ratio established by spending patterns years ago. And certainly it's hard for people in my