

"which value shall be." The language on page 8, line 16, "which value shall be." Now it's rather technical, but I do not believe that that portion of the amendment makes any sense with that language struck because it leaves out the connecting language between the appraised value of the school land and the later language that sets the percentage, whether it's 80 or 100 percent. I do not believe that that portion of the amendment is in proper form. So even if we attempt to utilize the Withem amendment to deal with the in lieu of question, I do not believe that technically his amendment is correct. The in lieu of or, I'm sorry, the common levy question I think Senator Withem indicated that the question had been dealt with by both the Revenue Committee and the Education Committee. And that is certainly true. It was killed in both those committees, and it was defeated by substantial margins. It wasn't just dealt with, it was killed. And I think it's always...and it's been killed every time it came up except in the context of affiliation. And I don't think it was a good idea with affiliation either but I wasn't here for that and I'm not going to have any responsibility for that decision and I'm not going to try to guess how people voted or why they voted to have a common levy for affiliated schools. I think one of the things driving considerations at that time was that those free-standing Class Is were deemed to be some sort of tax havens so when they were brought into the Class VIs through the affiliation process...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...the common levy was added to that package. I don't think the same package is now appropriate for the remaining Class Is that are in Class VIs. And I think Senator Withem mentioned that there are only 24 Class VIs left. One of the things I find a little bit ironic is that in the affiliation bill which was passed in 1990 there is a provision, you'll find it in the bill books at 79-426.28(2). It simply says effective July 1, 1993, with the full implementation of Section 79-438.12 the Legislature will have attained its school reorganization goals for Class I districts as described in 79-426.27; 79-438.12 is affiliation. Affiliation is done.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senators Will and Rasmussen are 40 fourth grade students from West Gate School in