

state aid. Millard Public Schools is going to come forward and demand that that \$32 million not be distributed? Lincoln Public Schools I think gets around \$33 million worth of state aid. Are they going to come forward and say let's not distribute this money because there may be some problems with the adjustment factors? I seriously doubt it. I seriously doubt if they are going to then go back to their people and indicate we're going to have to lay off teachers, we're going to have to raise the property tax levy, whatever, we're going to have to borrow money because we filed a lawsuit to keep the state from giving us \$32 million. I don't think that's going to happen but I do think what Senator Wickersham is suggesting here is a good improvement to the process. It really in many ways codifies legislative intent so I think we ought to go ahead and support his motion, go ahead and not advance LB 1290 and then what we ought to do is find another home for the Wickersham concept because I think it probably does clarify the statutes beyond what they currently state. So I'll be voting for the Wickersham amendment, but don't confuse that with then overall support for 1290 because I do not support 1290.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, could I ask Senator Wickersham or Senator Warner, as I remember from my time on the school board we used to depend upon the county to give us assessed valuation numbers and yours doesn't even talk about the county. Should the county be in this process some way, because you're saying when it comes to the state and then they protest, when is that done? I guess can you kind of explain the sequence that we go through with the, you know, assessment at the county level and then at the state level?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you. Well, essentially what happens, Senator Hartnett, is that you may have two sets of values, one used for local tax purposes and that would be assessed valuation, and in that process, there is a notice sent out in the spring, you have an opportunity to protest if your property values are going up, hardly anybody protests if they're going down but I guess you could protest that if you wanted to, but you have an opportunity to protest if your values are going up. There is a County Board of Equalization hearing. Then the