

did make an impression, not on this body, at least to the point that we would have liked to made it on this issue today or yesterday, but there are some TV viewers out there, and Senator Crosby mentioned that today earlier, that are supportive and thankful and appreciative of our efforts. I have to tell you that. I have had phone calls in my office about that. So we know that it is sort of like pushing a noodle through a hole, you know, a wet noodle through a hole, can't do that, but we are going to try. Now that is not going to reduce you to tears, Gary, but it is going to make you laugh, probably. Again, it is a fairness issue. We didn't get what we wanted today. I like this one even better and I thank you for bringing it back as a reconsideration motion. Senator Haberman originally was the one that brought it to us, and I appreciate him bringing it, but I tell you that it is a fairness issue. We should not increase the tax for some money to go to another fund, which has nothing to do with education. They didn't want the money we offered them earlier from the 5 cent increase on this bill. I am just about ready to say maybe I don't want to support the bill anymore, if they don't want to do the things that we need to do to make this be a fair bill. So I am asking you one more time, those of you that are listening, as Ernie has said, find it in your hearts, Gary, come on, find it in your heart to give us one green light. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I am pleased to hear what Senator Smith had indicated Senator Crosby had said about the viewers paying attention to what is being said here, and I can see why they would, because this is literally a pocketbook issue for them. The senators grow weary. The senators feel that the die is cast and, therefore, there is no justification or necessity in continuing to try to be fair to the public. But through the eye of the television camera, there are some people who will be aware of what is being attempted here and those who are attempting to bring some justice. And I believe that if they see those of us on the floor who are trying to prevail continually fail, they should direct their attention and effort to the Governor in encouraging her, if this monstrosity reaches her desk, to veto it unceremoniously. And I don't think there is even required a justification for the veto that has been given by virtue of many of the statements made on this floor, a majority of the votes that have been taken. This has been an exercise in 775 philosophy, junior. The reason we,