

children in that home, that someone who is a ward of the state really is no different than a relative or an adopted child that moves in, and I do think that there is a very significant difference, and that has been pointed out by some. But reasons why children become wards of the state, (a) abuse, either physical, emotional, or sexual; (b) neglect, where parents ignore a child's needs; (c) dependent, where, for example, without fault of the parents, psychiatric treatment or drug rehabilitation is needed and parent's resources have been exhausted; (d) status offender, where the child has done something, such as running away, dropping out of school, et cetera; (e) relinquishment, where parents give up the child. Each one of these, I would suggest, would be significantly different than what Senator Ashford suggested would be a situation where someone would take a child into the home through adoption or a relative. The other point I would like to make is that Senator Withem said that we should probably treat all children the same, who move into a district, and he pointed out the situation in Lexington. I would point out that I think there is a difference, that these children do not move in, but are placed in a district. When you move into a district, you usually bring a support structure with you, such as a family or a support group who will be moving in, finding a place to live, paying taxes, having a job, supporting the community economically. I think there is a very big difference as to the impact on the community and property taxes and, therefore, the support of the school system as to when you move in or you are placed into a district. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Robinson. I look at what we are doing here, we are taking \$1.7 million worth of aid away from our school systems, and where is that money going to come from? It is going to come from property tax to replace it, local property tax. If you have been out in my district lately, you are talking to fertilizer dealers and farmers, and they are wondering what happened. And most of them aren't too happy. I am still trying to explain to them why I voted for the constitutional amendment, and why it is good for them to vote for it. And I'd be the last one to oppose increasing our teachers salaries. My wife is a teacher. But it becomes a trade-off here, and I wonder, are we going to take highway funds away from our counties and cities, and give the money to our