

suggests, this...but in his example, he's apparently content to shift taxes between school districts, where he isn't content to shift taxes between cities and school districts. They're all political subdivisions. They all have patrons. They all have taxpayers. Frankly, I fail to see little difference. And, Senator Bohlke, if there's a constitutional problem with cities paying taxes or making contributions to school districts, I'm not so sure you don't have the same problem again if you're asking other folks to pay for other people's taxes. I made that argument with the common levy. I think the common levy was unconstitutional. I'm not sure what the result is. Obviously, the choice, the 80/20 choice would have been better, but even Senator Bohlke says that isn't available to us. I don't know why...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...that isn't available to us. You ought to ask yourselves why that isn't available to us. Perhaps if we will stand up and hold on this provision, that will become available to us. At the very least, I think we ought to, at some point in this process, offer amendments which will sunset the provision that Senator Bohlke is promoting and that in the future, perhaps one year from the date of this legislation, we would indeed get to an 80/20 allocation so that we do not be perpetually trapped on a treadmill of having other people pay for economic development in another part of the state with property taxes. That is absolutely inappropriate state policy for the State of Nebraska. I don't care how many dollars are involved, it is inappropriate policy.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, again talking with my colleagues on the floor, there still seems to be a little bit of confusion. There is no Bohlke amendment, and to kind of clarify what we have. We have already agreed to all of the committee amendments with the exception of one section, Section 36, and we are right now talking about whether or not we shall accept Section 36 as a portion of the committee amendments. And if we vote yes, then that portion of Section 36 will be adopted and will be included in the overall copy that we have as the bill amended by the committee amendments. Senator Bohlke is urging simply that on