

the portion of the committee amendments, Section 36, in front of us, that we vote no. Senator Withem has commented that we...he feels we should vote no on this portion of the committee amendments, Senator Kristensen and others. And so I want to, once again, as Senator Bohlke did, clarify that we don't have a Bohlke amendment, it's simply the committee amendments Section 36. If you agree with what Senator Withem and Senator Bohlke and Senator Kristensen have stated, you will want to vote no. And I encourage the body to vote no as I will be as well on this portion of the committee amendments. I do want to take one little moment to try to put a little broader perspective of the issue. Even though we're talking about schools that would be affected by Micron, and that would be either students of employees in a Micron school district or even students in other school districts where their parents are employees of Micron that might be commuting in, back and forth. You know, this would make sure that the 20 percent rebate would go back to that school district, and I think that's a good policy to be consistent on the intent of what the school defined income rebate was. However, I think, and certainly not on this bill, but I think it does begin to raise, very quietly, the issue that we're going to have to face, hopefully, this year, if not certainly next year, what are we going to do statewide on our 1059 policy on the income tax rebate? Because if you will remember, wealthier school districts certainly get to keep 20 percent of that income tax spent or paid in their district, they get a lot of money. Poorer school districts on income pay...get 20 percent rebate, but 20 percent of not much is not much, and if you remember, the consulting group, we have again wealthier school districts getting more monies, poorer school districts having less money, and, therefore, we're getting more of an inequality of educational opportunity, that which we were trying to stop with.. or end with the passage of LB 1059. They've argued that we're still in good shape now but if we continue on the process we have now on the 20 percent rebate, we will end up back where we were, and that's the issue later that we're going to have to solve as well. In fact, I'm hoping that a bill Senator Withem and I introduced might get favorable support in the Education Committee that would deal with that proposal, or Senator Robak's bill that had a good bill introduced as well. But, nonetheless, I wanted to put a broader perspective on this. Let's not confuse it with what we need to do policywise on 1059, the rebate, that we have to do but that's another battle. Voting no at this point keeps us consistent so the battle in the future, at least, makes sense that we're not