

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. That was an excellent job, as you usually do. And, again, if you could very quickly, on the time that I have left, explain the advantages now of the Wickersham amendment as to what we have now.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The advantages of the Wickersham amendment to what we have now, it would do nothing, as I see, in addressing the situation with what we've done with the Micron schools or the proposed Pfizer schools. He's recognizing that that's a done deal and in his...in our discussions with Senator Wickersham, at the time, we went through like five choices that we could have and what would be the best choice. Both Senator Wickersham and I said our number one choice would have been originally to have come to an agreement that was an 80/20 agreement. That didn't happen but I think what Senator Wickersham's amendment is, as I understand, it would say as of September 1st into the future we would now recognize that as what should happen.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The reason I have this amendment is because that is the point that I wanted to get across to the floor. That is the point that I disagree with Senator Wickersham's amendment. Senator Wickersham's amendment really does not change what we have done on 829. It's saying, as Senator Bohlke said, that's a done deal, that's how...that's how it's going to be on this particular...and the time frame that we have for 829 on the Micron bills, or any other industry that would be coming in under the package that the Legislature is putting forward. What Senator Wickersham is doing now is beginning to set a policy for future for the income tax rebate. This is not the time nor the place to set that policy in the future and I'll explain why it's not. We have had a couple of public hearings in the Education Committee on that subject alone. There are two bills, three bills, actually, Senator Wickersham has a bill in Education Committee that's a viable bill. Senator Robak has one that has a lot of potential. Senator Withem has one that has a lot of potential. And, at some point, I suspect next week early, the Education Committee, after having a public hearing and all the input, is going to put forth a bill that will deal with the future of the income tax rebate. That is the forum that this needs to happen in. It should not...we should not set the future tone of the income tax rebate side on the education formula at a Select File amendment