

people, I think, are put on notice that there are things at least as one member of this body I'd like to see done differently than is currently in the bill. I do appreciate Senator Robinson, though, having this concern about school districts getting connected to Internet and I'd like to work on that.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Robinson, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I, naturally, would support the committee amendments. If people have any questions on those, I'd be glad to respond to them. If not, I'd move the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Janssen, on the committee amendments. On the bill, thank you. Senator Witek, on the committee amendments? On the bill. Is there anyone else who would care to speak to the adoption of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Schellpeper to close. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Robinson, to open on the bill.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I heard that word of the Speaker, he said strenuous. Well, I strenuously like what I am doing too. I want you to know that I really believe in what I am doing. And I know he believes in what he is. You know, maybe we could, maybe we could get in the middle of it, but I am not sure if he is in the middle quite yet, but we will discuss it and we will find out. LB 860 is a very simple and pragmatic answer to a question. The question is a persistent one. How do we get our...how do we get our schools connected to the information highway? LB 860 answers that question by allocating a portion of the education lottery funds to get districts hooked up to Internet, and I, at this point I'd say I'd take the money, I'd take money from the weatherization fund if we could work it out also. LB 860 is somewhat a novel piece of legislation because it creates a funded mandate. The