

Department of Energy, maybe even some incorrect information about who supports and who doesn't support this measure. So I know we're going to have some difficulty with it. But in the end I hope that after the good work Senator Robinson has done on this that we'll be supportive of his amendment and supportive of the bill. With that, I would urge you to support the Robinson amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Withem, your light is next. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk, do we have....

CLERK: Madam President, first I do have amendments to the amendment. The first is by Senator Wickersham. Senator, this I believe is your amendment that would amend Senator Robinson's. (Read amendment as found on page 1880 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, yes, thank you, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on the amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I think that Senator Withem really was intending to give the opening in opposition to an amendment I intend to bring later, but I guess having read his mind I've actually offered a different amendment, so he'll have to try some other argument on this bill, for a little while anyway. The amendment that I'm offering now is to strike the lid exception provision that's in the amendment, and that amends line 16 on page 4, and line 7 on page 8, and then strike Section 4 of the bill. What the bill has or what the amendment has in it is an exception to the lid for the expenditures for the telecommunicating resources at the educational service unit serving the district. Well, my colleagues, I'm concerned about producing another bill that has another lid exception at a time when we have in front of us and will be hearing very shortly a reduction in the current lids, and when the Revenue Committee, on Monday, will hold a hearing on a constitutional amendment which would produce constitutional levy limits for property taxes. What kind of messages are we going to be sending to the voters and our constituents? On the one hand the door is open, our special projects, our pet initiatives are completely exempt or would be exempted from restraints on the use of the property taxes. On the other hand, in general we're saying no, you have to restrict your use of