

when I see this. These other areas about exempting out of the budget lid is ridiculous. We have a bill on the floor right now trying to keep the budget lid that's going to be a battle, just trying to keep the lid on these things. And now you're asking for more exemptions. There's already exemptions, there's holes shot through the whole thing. And then you're talking about more grant money from the lottery, trying to be competitive in there. That's kind of a hit and miss kind of thing there. And then you're talking about the ESU money, which is...they are a taxing authority, they get their money...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...from property taxes. And to me if...if we allow this amendment to this bill we are just...we are just standing right in the face of these individuals, myself included, who are trying to control government spending and just saying, this is in your face, we don't care what you want, we don't care what your concerns are, that you're having trouble paying your taxes right now, we want that tax money, we want, we want, we want. And now you want it for Internet in every school and I understand that because I want Internet too and have tried to get sources for the senators to have Internet. And I'd like to have it at home but can't afford to do it at home. So I understand the want, but I thought the original funding source of using lottery monies was good balance. And this of trying to exempt out of the budget lid is incredible to me if this...if this...if Senator Wickersham's amendment is not adopted to exempt this out, and if this is adopted, I remain to be absolutely amazed at the arrogance on this floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Bohlke, your light is next, do you wish to speak to the Wickersham amendment?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, maybe I should count to ten first. I originally had my light on to speak in support of Senator Robinson's amendment and to talk about the fact that I think that the Nebraska schools have fallen behind certainly in technology and as far as getting our schools connected to Internet and very supportive of finding a method to provide those funds. Certainly I think that all of us are very interested in how we spend our funds. I think very few of us feel that we are arrogant and certainly I don't think that anyone on this bill feels that way. And so for someone to stand