

yesterday afternoon dealing with 613 and the spending lids related to schools. I want you to notice, if you haven't, the other exemptions outside the lid that are in Section 4. And in the discussion we would have had yesterday and will have later in the session about spending and increased spending in schools, those exemption areas are in fact the areas that are creating the greatest growth in school spending. And there are many areas included in there that are exempt from the lid. My concern is just adding another...another exemption to that list outside the lid that will allow school spending to grow and not be included in what the revenues for 1059 funding can support and what we are asking all of our political subdivisions to attempt to do in slowing their spending. The other concern I have is just the fact that it relates to educational service units and then schools who contract with those service units for resources or access to Internet, those taxing sources, that property tax is the same source. And my concern about service units has been that we're taxing the same resources twice, we tax for the service unit, the service unit turns around and charges a fee to the school, the school generates that revenue by their property tax levy as they submit their budget. Again, I stand in support of the Wickersham amendment and ask you to carefully consider whether or not you want to add another exemption to the categories that are already the contributors to increased spending, in particular with schools. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do not see five hands. I do now. (Laughter.) The question has been called. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on whether to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Debate ceases. Senator Wickersham, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I will be very brief. The amendment before you now, and I think we have really brought ourselves to focus on it, simply strikes the portion of the Robinson amendment which would create an exception to the