

lot of talk on this issue, so I won't drag it out much further. I guess I come at it from a little bit of a different angle. I generally vote with Senator Wickersham. I look up to him for guidance. He has good ideas, but on this issue here, I think he is probably stretching it a little bit. We, currently, as we always have had and always will have, the haves and the haves not. What worries me about this amendment here is that the schools that think they probably can't afford something like this here will not apply for such. If this is such a good idea, Internet, and so on, I think it should be available to all schools and it worries me that the ones that can't afford it will not apply for such, and they will be left out. We need to make this available to all schools, and I think this is what this does of Senator Robinson's, so I would ask you not to vote for the Senator Wickersham's amendment, and one more reason is the fact that it is a property tax relief issues, and I think we all want such with all today's happenings and so on. So, unfortunately, I have to say don't vote for this Wickersham amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Before continuing, I would like to call attention to the fact that I have as a guest today Alex Kissel of Lincoln. She is under the north balcony. She is here with her father today on take your daughter to work. So, Alex, would you like to stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Wickersham, on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I want to discuss just briefly again an issue that I raised and it is always, I guess, one of those things where you should know absolutely what you are talking about before you raise an issue on the floor, and I raised the issue of 1059 funding and maybe what I should say is that I should always raise...I shouldn't raise an issue on the floor of the Legislature until I've had some time to talk to counsel for the Education Committee. But at any rate, the 1059 formula, of course, is a fairly complex statutory scheme, but there are provisions in that complex statutory scheme which would allow exclusion of the kind of grant funds that Senator Robinson is proposing in his amendment. I say would allow the exclusion of those grant funds, because the actual provision says that you don't include in your General Fund budget of expenditures any special grant funds received by a district subject to approval of the department, referring to the Department of Education. So if grant funds were received