

few questions that may need to be addressed before people can decide whether they want this funding source or the original funding source of the lottery money, and whether to do away with the Weatherization Fund, or whether to apply it to something else. And I still say if it was due to sunset in '96, and I see, I have the statute, and I have the statute in front of me that goes into the public part, but I still would say it would be in the best interest to do away with the tax itself and keep that money in the private sector, and the original funding source for 860 of using the lottery funds to me makes much more sense than going after some other funding source that you have to tax something in order to get it because, to me, the lottery is essentially a tax, but it is a tax that the people voted on themselves overwhelmingly, so it is a funding source that I thought was a good funding source for this, and no one has said yet why we can't use it. So if Senator Robinson would address that or Senator Withem, and answer those two questions of why we can't use the lottery funds, now that you are looking for another source, what the problem was that you said Senator Withem and you got together and put this amendment together, but the bill passed on General File, so you had the support for the bill as it was, and also about districts that have already paid for Internet connections, how will they receive reimbursement or will they receive reimbursement for the monies that they have already spent for Internet connections? Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Would the Legis...before we go on, would the Legislature pay attention to the north balcony. Senator Engel has as his guests 30 sixth graders from the Ponca Public School in Ponca, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. Thank you for being here. Senator Jones on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on whether to cease debate. Have you all voted? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: (Mike off) ...I'll take call-in votes.

SENATOR CROSBY: There has been a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record please.