

bill as a means of recognizing income as a means of wealth in terms of distribution of state aid. Since that time, the income rebate has grown and grown and grown. Consequently, school districts that don't need state aid money are getting a higher and higher share of state aid money each year. All of these are...are difficulties and why we need to look at LB 1059 in general. That's not the issue before us as Senator McKenzie, if I were her, I'd be saying to myself that's not what 613 does and she's right. (LB) 613 deals with the allowable growth rate for school districts and for other subdivisions of government. She did point out a number of exemptions that were placed in the school district budgetary limitation. A number of those were done on Select File of LB 1059 when it was debated by the Legislature. My preference...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...quite frankly.... Pardon me?

SENATOR CROSBY: I said, one minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute? My preference, rather than arbitrarily lowering the limitations by one percent, would be to get into some of those issues. For instance, does special ed deserve to be an exemption? One...we're passing one bill over here that caps special ed, yet special ed costs are exempt from the budgetary limitations of school districts. Or a number of those other things make sense? That would be my preference to deal with it. I don't want people to get the...I'm sensing the buzz out in the Rotunda is that this is a major attack on LB 613. I support LB 613. I support limitations on school districts. I certainly support the one...the extension of the budgetary limitation on schools and counties. With all of the revaluation going on in the state right now I think it's essential that we keep some sort of lid in place. I would suggest that regardless of the fate of this amendment maybe the preferable way to go would be...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...to look at these exemptions and I'll be making some of those suggestions later.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Robinson on the Withem amendment.