

versions on the table and let the Legislature decide. Let's deal with the matter.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Crosby, your light is next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall, and members. I am interested in this bill, aside from...or this amendment aside from the idea of the gun-free school zone, the idea of the expulsion of the child, and these young people can be out of school for a year, and so, Senator Bohlke, I read clear through there because I know that each local school board has to set up rules, right? I mean...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: They would have the option to waive part of the expulsion.

SENATOR CROSBY: So they can do that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: The reason I am interested in this is because this happens in the Lincoln schools and I think it is a rather strange custom. They expel a child towards the end of school for other reasons besides guns, and then they are out of school for the rest of the year. The next year they put them in the next grade, and, in the meantime, they are having, as far as I know, no tutoring, no mentor, nothing. So...and this is why I am real concerned about this. I think the local school boards should be encouraging something. I think something has got to be done about that situation. Do you feel,...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yeah.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...Senator Bohlke, if you'd...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Crosby, I have never been in support of wanting to have students go home and sit on the davenport in front of the television set.

SENATOR CROSBY: I agree.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I have told Senator Withem that I supported