

criminal justice system. We have done that because, actually, that is in LB 1250, which is the old school discipline bill. So it really wasn't necessary to put it here, and Senator Chambers' suggestion that we make the adoption of policies to allow a case-by-case modifications mandatory. Senator Hudkins also offered some wording changes and I think it improves what was previously there, and that wording makes the school discipline act mirror the criminal provisions regarding where guns are not allowed, and exceptions for students to possess firearms. And then Senator Bernard-Stevens had raised the issue of the term "calendar" as a description of a year. Federal guidelines say we must just say one year. We had added the word "calendar" and that is removed. So those are the basic changes from where we discussed this the last time on the floor. And as you look at the bill, in the first...on the first page, Section 2 is really Senator Withem's amendment, and then the changes of the wording for Senator Hudkins is, I believe, on page 7, so with that, we will answer questions. Once again, I think we've discussed with you why we think this is important. We have continued to say that there is every indication from the federal government that we could lose these funds. Since the last time on the floor, we have checked with surrounding states, and those states since then have come into compliance and voted to do that, and that's South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, and Indiana. As we called and checked with those states, the general attitude was what is the big deal in Nebraska? So I guess that's what we will begin to debate. So with that, I will try to answer any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend the Bohlke amendment. (See FA308 found on page 2575 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on his amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment has not been passed out to you. I filed it this morning. It is simple to follow along if you want to know what the amendment does. The amendment is simply to strike Section 2 and Section 4 out of AM2499 that you will find in your Journals on page 2545. Those sections are the two sections of the amendment that deal with alternative schools. Now I am bringing the amendment to