

amendment. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, members, I'm going to yield my time to Senator Bromm.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I'm sorry, I couldn't understand you, Senator.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'm yielding my time to Senator Bromm.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, Senator Abboud. And my story isn't nearly as interesting or as relevant now as it would have been five or seven minutes ago, but I'll finish it anyway. What I had said was that our school developed an alternative school and decided to spend their own money for it and invited other area schools. And they just did it on their own because they felt that it was the right thing to do. We've had a lot of students move in who have problems or students from single parent homes who have problems and they thought this was worth the money. The point was, that I was going to make was that the idea came from within the community, it came from the school board, it came from the administration. People got behind it and they went to the local Lions Clubs and chambers of commerces and those organizations donated money for materials and for computers for the alternative school and local businesses decided to go ahead and try to facilitate some temporary part-time jobs for students that were in this situation. So the community got behind it and volunteered a bunch of money and effort. So I said that our school cost \$50,000, that's out of pocket. The contributions, I don't know the total value of the contributions but they're significant. And that's the kind of support you can get when it's your idea and it's generated at the local level. I highly suspect that if the idea had come about because the state said we had to do it that it all would have been done with taxpayer dollars, we wouldn't have had donated computers or money for computers, we wouldn't have had the spirit of cooperation and support from the local community. And you can also analogize this to the private school sector. Private schools accomplish an awful lot through volunteers because they're doing things that they want to do, that they think are good for kids. And you'll have people coming out of the woodwork trying to help you do something. But when you tell everybody in the state you have to do something, you have to do it by a certain date, you're going to be doing it