

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President and members, I, too, like Senator Will, will be very brief and I would echo what he has said, that I will rise as a senator and support this amendment. I have heard so much from parents in my district about this issue that I just feel like I have to pat Senator McKenzie on the back for bringing it forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brown. Any further discussion on the McKenzie amendment? Seeing none, Senator McKenzie, do you want to close?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Madam President, just to thank those members who have stood up to support the amendment, and, as I said earlier, what I wanted was on the record some of what my feelings are about knowing that we are asking schools to look for some budget reductions and knowing, in fact, that my concern is about looking for areas to protect in those budgets that are directly related to the quality of education we provide to kids. With that, Madam President, Mr. Clerk, I would ask to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Maurstad would move to amend. (FA315 appears on page 2582 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, this is a very...a very simple, simple amendment to AM2060 that Senator Hall...and it was adopted by this body just...just a couple of minutes ago, and it merely adds community colleges as one of the entities on line 3 of AM2060, if the body still has it in front of them. It adds...strikes the word "or" and then adds "or community colleges" after the word "county", may increase the anticipated aggregate receipts. As everybody is aware, community colleges are also under the CIR, have similar staffing needs and concerns, as do the municipalities, counties and school districts. So I would ask the...I'm sorry I couldn't get this amended before Senator Hall started his closing, but would ask the body to adopt this amendment to 613. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Any discussion on the Maurstad amendment? Seeing no further discussion on the