

mock, and to taunt, and those things I love to do. One other point, all these schools run around here talking about we believe in local control, but every time they get in a bind they come begging to the state and say, give me some money, give me some state aid, do it for me. They want it both ways, but they're not smart. We know they're not smart. Ordinary people run these school districts like ordinary people come to this Legislature.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Legislatures nor school administrations are known for intellectual brightness so there comes a point when we have to just be realistic, deal with the world as we find it and make up for those deficiencies and defects that are harmful to the children. In this instance I see what Senator "Bud" Robinson doing as trying to help the children and since this is my last chance to do it maybe I'll say "Bud-wei-ser". (Laughter.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: This is not an issue of rich versus poor, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I am a blue collar Republican. My husband is not a doctor, my husband is a truck driver, so this has nothing to do with money. In fact, if you took my child's elementary school and the number of pupils in that elementary school that are eligible for the school lunch program, which is usually how they phrase "need", it would probably be much higher than the elementary school that your children go to or at least equal to that and I'd be willing to check into that personally to find out. So it has nothing to do with rich versus poor. It doesn't even have to do with rich versus poor on this list of schools. I've been in Wakefield. The money that they received to connect to the Internet was given to them by a private citizen so it was not even tax dollars. It was given to them by a private citizen generous enough to give them all the money that they needed to go ahead and connect and they got the hardware. So I don't know about the rest of these schools but that could very well hold for some of those schools. This is an issue and it's not about Millard getting their money back because we can't get our money back if this bill goes through.