

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body, I will say that this discussion has gone beyond the intent of this amendment. All I really...can I have a gavel, please? May I have a gavel.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ROBAK: And I apologize for doing this on Final Reading and I believe Senator Bernard-Stevens did say that the only reason he would vote against this amendment because it's the same thing as the bracket because we don't have enough time to do this, this year, if it goes back to Select File. Well, whoop-de-do, Senator Bernard-Stevens, guess what we did all day yesterday on Final Reading? We wrote, we rewrote every bill on the floor on Final Reading. We rewrote every bill on the floor on Final Reading, we really did and I did file an amendment with this bill. I filed it, it was printed in the Journal and I can't help it if they didn't get to the bill until three fifty-nine on June 1. That wasn't my fault. It was on the agenda many, many times. I passed out that amendment, three different times that amendment was passed out. The reason that we do this on Final Reading is because we did not do it in committee, we did not have a public hearing on this. We didn't do it on General, we did it on Select. This is when we did this bill, so this is only the second stage of debate on that. In addition all I wanted to do was put additional needs on an even playing field with the first time Internet installations. There is nothing in this bill about asking for reimbursement per se. Nothing about reimbursement, just that there are additional needs to be considered on a par with those schools who have not begun for whatever reason. I will hope you will pick up that amendment, look at it again, although I think that you have your minds pretty well set by this time and that's fine. But this amendment simply states that monies in the School Technology Fund shall be doled out for original hookups or if that process is done, and many schools are, for expanding networks, purchasing additional equipment, or other needs as determined by the State Board of Education. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. The question before the body is the adoption of the motion to return LB 860 to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Senator Robak.