

kind of like the federal crime bill that said you can have all those police officers. We're going to give you all these police officers but we're not going to give you any money after a certain period of time to support those police officers. That's exactly what this bill is doing. We are saying we're going to give you Internet but we're not going to give you the money that you need to support it. So they're going to have to look within their budgets that I know are already very stressed and I know that you've had as many contacts as I had on property taxes, people don't want you to ask them for more money anymore for the expenditures of the school districts so you're going to have to take that money out of some other area to keep this connection and to train those individuals. Otherwise you're just going to have equipment sitting there with no one who knows how to use it. That's something that I think if we would have had the time, if the bill would have been bracketed, if we would have given our school districts that six months and the Education Committee here in the Legislature...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...the individuals who are involved in this bill some time to consider some of these problems with this bill, we may have come to some solution so this would have been a good bill and not just a good idea. I think if you're going to vote for this, you should at least vote for the Beutler amendment and say that this is something that will be considered when we're talking about equity, all those individuals who are talking about equity on this floor, I would say that you should consider the Beutler amendment because the Beutler amendment is an equity solution and will make those individual school districts consider this money in their 1059 formula. And I will, regardless of what happens, come back next year because this is a great idea and make sure that I'll try to get a bill through here that says that money already invested is considered into the 1059 formula. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, the discussion of whether or not grants are included in the state aid formula has already taken place. It took place on Select File. We discussed it at length, the impact of a grant on state aid receipts. If this amendment would pass the school state aid would be lowered. Likewise in the bill, that I don't think it's