

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this amendment that's before you now is very short but I think very fair. Let's say you have two school districts, let's say they have an equal number of poor kids. As between those two school districts someone is going to get the technology money and somebody is not. All this amendment says is that if you're the one that gets the technology money then we count it as a resource in the 1059 formula, so that your buddy over here is the same kind of district and didn't get the money, at least gets a little more equalization money by virtue of you getting less equalization money. As you count something as a resource, that means your chances of getting equalization money goes down, and that means that other people's chance of getting equalization money goes up. So it seems only fair to me when you're talking about an expenditure that all school districts are not going to make, and not a special innovation grant or something like that, it seems fair to me that if you're going to do that then at least you ought not punish that school district who doesn't get the technology grant twice, once by not giving them the grant, and two, by not advantaging them in the 1059 formula to the extent that the other district got the grant. That's all the amendment does. I think it very fair, nobody stood up and said it was not fair or right or equitable or logical or anything, nobody argued against it. So I'd ask for your adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. 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. Please record. There's been a request for a record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 2736-37 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion fails.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to return. Senator, I now have AM2600 in front of me.