

okay and you'll keep it in there. I do...I guess I want to be clear about one thing. Even though I suggested that we reconsider Senator Robak's amendment of yesterday to strip out this way of dealing with the, quote, income tax rebate issue, and even though I will vote to take it out of Senator Robak...out of the committee amendments to Senator Robak's bill so that we can get to the issue that she's addressing with her bill without confusion of other methods of doing approximately the same thing, I still believe that the proposal that was set forth in Section 4 is as valid as other ways to deal with the, quote, income tax rebate issue and I haven't made a decision, but I don't suppose any of you would be surprised if it resurfaced later in a slightly different venue. And so we may get to talk about it some more later. But be that as it may, I think that it is appropriate to adopt Senator Robak's amendment so that we can discuss the concept that she wants to advance without cluttering it up, if you will, with attempts to find an appropriate mix of winners and losers for a political solution to what is really a very important policy issue that we will have to decide in this body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Seeing no further lights, Senator Robak to close.

SENATOR ROBAK: I would just like to say I would close on the Wickersham amendment...the committee amendments to the bill, which are the Education Committee amendments. I'm...Senator Wickersham wants to strike Section 4 out of that for the reasons we just said because it, for one reason, it will be debated in the next bill. And this bill in its purest form is the intent of LB 349, it's to include income as a determinant of wealth in the school aid formula. And I just ask the body to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. The question before the body is the adoption of the Robak amendment to the committee amendments to LB 349. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Robak's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Robak amendment is adopted. Senator Dierks would like to recognize Dr. Mark Ptacek of O'Neill who is