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advancement of LB 1123. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 1123.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1123 advances. We turn now to General File, senator priority bills, and return to a discussion of LB 1050.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 1050 was discussed yesterday by the Legislature. At that time the committee amendments were offered by Senator Bohlke as Chair of the committee. (Read title.) Pursuant to a request by Senator Wickersham, the committee amendments were divided. I believe when the Legislature had adjourned for the day Senator Bohlke had preferred to take up the provisions relating to the option, is that right, Senator? So we're discussing what is now floor amendment 439, that deals with the option provisions of the committee amendments to LB 1050, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, a little bit of a recap as to where we left off yesterday, and that is the amendment on the option payments for students. As you know, students who attend a nonequalized school district, those school districts receive a payment for those option students. What we have done originally in 1050, those payments were going to be moved down from about forty-four hundred to eleven hundred dollars. This amendment changes what we would do with those option payments. And it says we recognize that there are school districts who have a number of option students. And for all you students up in the balcony, I think that there are probably, in your school, a number of you who are option students into your school. We're saying that if schools attract students and have a curriculum and a program that attracts those students, we then should recognize that payment, raise it back up to the \$4,400. But we are going to take it out of the income tax rebate side, that in 1050, which is the \$83 million. So what does that do? For those schools that net out positive and have option students, they will get their payment out of the income tax rebate money for the increased payment for the option students