

Senator Withem. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Lieutenant Governor Robak, members of the Legislature, I guess I also support the amendment, not because it helps Lincoln at all, but simply because it encourages good schools, it puts an element of incentive into the program. And, of course, we all worry about how much competition and how little competition, but I think the general feeling in the public and in this body is to slowly put a little competitive factor in there, in the school system and in the school system funding to encourage good schools. And I think this amendment does that. And with respect to Senator Bromm's situation, if I understand it correctly, while this doesn't correct that situation, it doesn't make it any worse from what the prior law was. So I, too, would like to see that solved in the present legislation is Senator Bromm and the Chair of the committee can work it out because it obviously should not occur. But in any event, it should not preclude us from looking favorably upon this amendment or upon the amendment generally for option students because although there may be other amendments that may be improvements in your mind, I think one thing we could probably all agree upon, and that is with this amendment to the amendment and with the amendment itself, it's a definite improvement over current law, which doesn't even cause you to net out your students. And when you're not netting out your students, the whole thing really doesn't make a lot of sense. And so it's an improvement on the law either way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there any further discussion on the adoption of the Bohlke amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke to close.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, I think we've had a thorough discussion. I think that the main points that we have before us is that we will net out the students, what we will do is if you are a school that attracts in that netting out more students in, then you will get the increase payment. That payment will come out of the income tax rebate currently in 1050 at \$83 million. I think that that does bring a great improvement to the bill. And certainly, philosophically, something that I agree with that if you are a school that's attracting option students, then we should be able to raise that level of payment and recognize that you are doing something very positive in your schools to attract those students and being,