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Senator Bohlke took a moment to refresh us about what a...a disagreement we had about a number that she used yesterday. And I... Senator Bohlke, I know I said the number was wrong. If that was too strong of language, let me explain why I still think it's wrong, if I can use that word. Because of the way rebate works now, a great deal of it goes to equalization schools. The portion of rebate that goes to equalization schools I don't think works against equalization at all, and you don't care, literally, whether it's rebate or whether it's equalization dollars, they get them. Only about 11 percent of the rebate pool goes to nonequalization schools, the rest of it goes to equalization schools already, and it won't make any difference to them at all. So the \$28 million, whether you say it's rebate, or whether you say it's equalization, most of that is already going to equalization schools, and that's the point I wanted to make. So I don't think... It doesn't add \$28 million to a bunch of equalization schools, I think that's the wrong impression. It does not add \$28 million for equalization schools. It changes the dollars that they're receiving from rebate dollars to equalization dollars, and we'd have to work out the calculations to determine exactly how much. But it doesn't change the total dollars that they get by \$28 million, that's the point that I would make. So if I can say you're wrong, Senator Bohlke, and I'll give you a mom... She doesn't want to be...

SENATOR BOHLKE: May I respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'm sounding a little schoolmarmish here, I think.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, it's just, I think, in the eye of the beholder, Senator Wickersham. I think you and I have had this conversation, we understand it and I think no one else on the floor does, so....

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: (Laugh) Okay. All right, then maybe we could go on our way here. There are some other issues that I think we need to discuss with regard to the income tax rebate and the proposals that you have before you. And part of what I want to suggest to you today is that you ought to hearken back just a couple of days to when we had the discussion on LB 349 and there was an acknowledgement by some people on the floor of the Legislature that income somehow should be accessed or