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SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, okay.

SENATOR WITEK: Some individuals had talked about the two bills, and I know we've done some amending yesterday. This is 1145 on paper.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, okay. That's what I thought it was. And, you know, on your own time, I guess, you can indicate as to what the motivation was in distributing this. But the membership ought to know that this map at this time... And I think, Senator Bohlke, maybe I ought to ask you to either confirm or deny the statement I'm going to make. But the map that Senator Witek passed out, as she indicated, is based on a bill that I believe the Education Committee has killed. It talked about repealing rebate entirely; 1050 doesn't do that. It talked about repealing option hold-harmless entirely; 1050 doesn't do that. Senator Bohlke, based on, if this is a map based on LB 1145, what relationship does it have to the bill that's in front of us?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Absolutely not, and all we've done is waste some paper.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, thank you. Thank you for that clarification.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Beutler, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, this is going to be the last time I speak against this amendment. But I just would ask you to consider the nature of the remarks that have been made on the floor in the last half hour or so. How many of those remarks have gone to the underlying operating philosophy or principle of the Wickersham amendment? What is the justification for the Wickersham amendment? What is the philosophy, other than no change? It has not been articulated. And I suggest to you that there is no strength in the argument, and that's why it's not being articulated. What arguments have you heard? That it's been a failure to compromise, a kind of attack on the credibility or the attitude of the proponents of the bill? That's not true though because it already was compromised in committee to preserve the original \$83 million. Anti-Lincoln remarks. Well,