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SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, those are the things that, of course, all of us are concerned about, property taxes and how we are going to deal with it, and I think that's going to come a little later on. But right now, you know, from what I've been able to understand and what...the discussion this morning, it appears that it is a bill that I can support, and I guess I'd like to see it move ahead and then maybe get some numbers when we get to the next stage and get a clearer picture because some of these things are a little bit cloudy right now, and I think everybody recognizes that, until we get to that point. So at least at the present, I think I'm going to stand in support of this piece of legislation because being...being selfish and parochial, I think that it's probably going to be more of a benefit to my area than it is anything else. So at this point, I guess I'm going to support it, but I would like to learn more about it as we move the process along. With that, thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. And while others were speaking, I had a chance to talk with the counsel of the Education Committee about the language on alternative education, and I understand, I think, why the language was added that was or that was changed, and at this point in time, I don't have a problem with the language. I think it accurately states probably what the intent of the body was when the alternative education amendment was adopted, and so I will leave that at this point. I do...I do want to say a couple of other things about the bill. The insurance tax, which was put into equalization by the fifth portion of the committee amendments, will have an impact, more...more than I think we have brought our attention to, to some school districts. I have a relatively small school district in my area that, as near as I can tell, as near as I can tell, in fact, two of them will lose \$35,000 apiece from the insurance tax equalization effort. Now that's going to be effective for this coming budget year, on top of the changes on the income tax rebate, and I suspect if we have any property tax relief, that property tax relief won't come about as quickly as these changes on the school finance law. So I...I want to tell...I want to give fair warning to Senator Bohike, and whoever else is interested, that between now and Select File, I'm going to look very strongly at what information we get on the printout, what this will do to districts with very, very, very short notice, in my view, and whether or not the