

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The city...the city can declare a building or a project under tax increment financing. They don't have to...they don't have to pay property taxes for 15 years, think about that, 15 years. Did any of you know that? I didn't know it, and most of the committee didn't know it. But what does that do to state aid? There's a whole long list in Douglas County. There's a long list in Lancaster County. There's a long list in Adams county. That...that valuation doesn't go into the state aid formula. And they will say, well, there wouldn't have been anything built there anyway. How do we know there wouldn't have been anything built there? But you're in business, you're paying your income tax, and then the city slams in a tax increment financing project. What happens? You pay your property tax, but your competitor next door doesn't. Likewise, the valuation doesn't go into the state aid formula, and all the other schools in the state of Nebraska pay for it. Think about that.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Robinson. Any further discussion on LB 1050? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke, would you like to close on the advancement?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, we've had a very lengthy debate and so my close will not be very long, but I do think that all of you have worked very hard to understand what's in 1050. I think that as we've had this discussion we've certainly looked at the number of people who have signed onto LB 1145. That was a bill that also addressed putting more money into the equalization side of the formula. LB 1050 looked at it...at that, the Education Committee looked at that and decided that LB 1050 was a more reasonable response to that need. But oftentimes on the floor I've heard different senators get up, and it may be because of when 1145 was introduced, and cast this more as an urban-rural type of thing. And I think we must...we need to realize that equalized school districts are school districts with more children and less property to get that funding. And that is not...certainly that includes some of our larger districts, but I also, you need to realize one of the biggest gainers happens to be Crawford Public Schools. We can go to Chadron, Ponca, North Bend, Nickerson, Burwell, Uehling, Tecumseh, Superior, McCook, Highland, Morrill, you could go to North Platte, Scottsbluff, you could go to Oshkosh; we are