

Schools would be able to raise enough...would be able to raise more than their current district cost per student. They would be able to raise with that \$1.10 levy \$8,300, \$8,400 per student. With...currently, they're spending \$6,400 per student. The statewide average is about \$5,000 per student. There'd be no impact on Humphrey. Instead, you go up here to Winnebago. Winnebago, because it is an Indian reservation, is a unique case but they would only be able to raise less than \$500 per student locally. You move to Chadron, they'd be able to raise less than \$1,000 per student. If we're going to cap those school districts at the \$1.10 levy rate we have to have an equalization formula in place. (LB) 1050 enhances that. The removal of the Schimek amendment removes that, brings that back to more of its...more of a bill that pushes for equalization and, for that reason, I'm supporting it. Take a look at these numbers though. I didn't realize they were going to be as...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ..overwhelmingly significant as they are when I asked for this request yesterday. I support the Schimek...I support the Bernard-Stevens reconsideration of the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I just want to get a little bit on the record here. We've had some of this discussion and I will support the Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment (sic), but, Senator Bernard-Stevens, are you around? Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR HILLMAN: He's there. He's listening. He has two ears. He'll use one on the phone and one he'll listen to me, but my concerns, as you well know, but I do want to get this on the record and to the task force that's looking at funding special ed, this body made a conscious decision and created a policy whereby we brought to bring children who are placed in out-of-state institutions for mental health reasons home, and one of the questions I was asked not too long ago was, what was the interpretation of "home", is that home district? And I'm saying I think home probably be...this body meant the state of