

going to take a purely political position I would not because I think for a variety of reasons leaving the Schimek amendment on 1050 makes it unpalatable to a number of the members of the body and, arguably, I ought to have an interest in doing that because I've announced that I intend to continue to oppose the bill. But I'm not going to oppose the reconsideration motion. I voted against the amendment on Select File when it was adopted and I voted against it because I knew that we had a special education task force that was going to come to us with a recommendation and that next year we could come back and evaluate how to treat special ed education. I'm not sure why others made the decision that we needed to get ahead of that process, but I think we all ought to learn a lesson from what we're hearing here this morning about getting ahead of the process and not really knowing what we're doing. I don't suppose it's a lesson that we'll retain for very long because it isn't a lesson that we like to learn, nor it is a lesson that we like to admit that we needed to learn, but it's clearly here before us this morning. The other lesson that I think is here before us this morning is that equalization isn't necessarily the objective of everyone in this body because I understood that the Schimek amendment was designed to promote equalization. Now we're told it doesn't necessarily do that, although if you look at the printout it certainly does promote equalization in a variety of respects. But if you also look at the printout you might also be interested in exactly where it promotes equalization and how it promotes equalization and that is probably the more cogent analysis of why we are now reconsidering the Schimek amendment. Equalization? Yes. Equalization, but equalization that fits the objectives, other objectives as well; equalization that keeps everybody comfortable; equalization that does exactly what we want it to; equalization but not now, not in this way, because it costs a bunch of people money that we didn't know it was going to cost when we adopted the amendment. I'll support the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke, will you yield for a question?