

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President (sic) and members of the body. Now Senator Bernard-Stevens reminded me that I should have thanked him when he gave me half of his opening (laugh), but he was going to give me half of his closing too and I see he didn't quite make that. But, anyway, all I wanted to do is stand up and let people know once again that I am supporting the reconsideration motion. I do think that the policy that we adopted with the Schimek amendment was a fairer policy than we had at the current time. Senator Abboud, it may not be the absolute fairest, however. I mean there may be other things that we can do about it, but when you look at the chart that I passed out and you look at two districts with exactly the same number of total students, exactly the same costs for the education of those students but one district has more special education students than the other...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ..and the total equalization aid to the school with the more...the bigger number of students is less than those with the fewer number of students, it isn't fair. Thanks.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Before we vote on the motion to reconsider, Senator Wesely announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature: there are 14 seventh graders here from Dawes Middle School here in Lincoln and their sponsor. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. The question before you is the motion to reconsider the Schimek amendment to LB 1050. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to reconsider the Schimek amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion to reconsider is successful. The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, I'd like to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.