

something to reduce those property taxes there's a good chance that one or all of the measures, those three measures that are currently being circulated, will be before the public in the fall and there's a good chance that people are upset enough that they will pass one or more of those constitutional amendments and we will have some major changes when it comes to property taxes and local government next session. My belief is that if we're going to be focusing in on changes in our educational funding we should probably wait till after...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ..till after we pass or if we pass the changes in our property tax. Limitations on the levies, our restrictions on what governments can spend I think is crucial to the whole property tax issue and this is really a minor, minor issue, but it tends to infuriate our citizens if their taxes will go up. I'm going to be supporting Senator Wickersham's amendment because I feel that at least, though the bill still provides for some major changes which I'm not happy with, at least it delays or reduces the hostility, I think, will be felt by our citizens by the passage of LB 1050. And I think Senator Wickersham is making a good faith attempt to try and find some middle ground towards this very controversial issue, so I'm going to be supporting the Senator Wickersham's amendment in his attempt to try to find the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ..middle ground and I urge the body to do likewise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, I do rise in strong opposition to the amendment, Senator Wickersham, so your information was correct and I think that if we go back to the discussion that we had previously and certainly Senator Wickersham and I had on the floor as to what we were doing with the option payments and, as I had given Senator Wickersham a copy of the transcript, that I think at that time, at the floor, the transcript will show that Senator Wickersham under...said he understood what we were doing; that we were indeed taking the option payments from the income tax rebate. Nothing really has