

about 11 percent of that going to nonequalization schools. That's how we arrived at the number in the simplest possible fashion. What my amendment would cost the equalization schools is roughly 1.9 million dollars, and maybe it doesn't even cost them that much. I don't know. But that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..is not too large a cost to people.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Janssen announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature this morning: there are 48 fifth graders here from Linden Elementary in Fremont and their sponsors and principal. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Schimek, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question's been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to close on his amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the debate we have had on this amendment. I think, if you've been listening, that everyone on the floor should understand what this does. What this amendment does is move the cost of the option student program, which is a program mandated by state law, schools cannot refuse students if they have room, it's a state program, moves the funding of a state program out of the bottom half of the income tax rebate, the part that we reserved on General File as a resource for local school districts, whether or not they're equalization districts or not, but funds would cause the funding of the income tax rebate or, I'm sorry, would cause the funding of the option program to come out of what is left of the income tax rebate. Very simply, it moves approximately 1.9 million dollars, and again I will say I don't know that that's an accurate number but it's in the ballpark or