

school districts. But yet, on the other hand, as Senator Bohlke has pointed out, this bill, in its present form, benefits 92 percent of the students. Senator Abboud sticks up for his school districts, and he should, but we are talking about the wealthiest school district in the state. And if the lid is a concern with respect to the changes being made, I think it would be appropriate to come in with some narrowly drafted amendment that would direct itself to that situation and not the suggestion that the whole compromise that we've agreed upon be delayed with respect to all school districts and all the children of the state for yet another year. At some point in time in this session we have to settle down and resolve matters. We haven't resolved very many important matters at all. We're down to 13 days now, and suddenly when they said that yesterday that seemed like a very short number of days, when I think about the water bill, and I think about the six tax bills, and I think about another half dozen to a dozen bills that are going to take quite a bit of debate and are highly controversial. If we hem and haw on all of these and can't come to grips with them and keep considering these little compromises, once, I think, in a sense the basic overall philosophy has been brought to what is probably a fair compromise for this point in time, we're not going to get anything done this session. There are going to be a lot of things left undone. So this amendment is before you...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I hope you'll not adopt it and let's get through this bill and live with a compromise that we seem to have resolved upon and move on to other things. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Stuhr, Schrock, Bromm, Schimek, Withem, Abboud, Bohlke, and Brown. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise to oppose the Bromm amendment, and it's just not a knee-jerk reaction to that because it's an amendment that...from those that are opposing the bill that I automatically don't support it. That has not been the case certainly on General File it showed as we...and I agreed to a lot of areas that was a bending of my position in order to accommodate some on the other side, including Senator Bromm. But I rise to oppose the amendment simply because it's a bad