

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: ..you made that decision. Okay. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. And I appreciate the explanation because it gives me a better insight into the way that the, you know, the appropriations process actually advanced with respect to this issue. Nonetheless, however, I think the fact that the categorization when the veto came down last year in my mind at least as I looked at that and I looked at the potential override was the same as far as I would be concerned and certainly, Senator Wehrbein and members of the committee, I understand the distinction made in the minds of the committee between the salary increase on the one hand and the state aid issue on the other hand. But at the same time, I think with respect to the veto that was made, you know, by the Governor and the reinstatement of funds...

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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...in my mind I would put these two issues in the same category and I think that regardless of what the funds are used for, I think that the money at the community college level is equally important as the money that's been reinstated at the university and state college level for salaries and I would urge your support of Senator Bernard-Stevens' and my amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Mr. President or Madam President and members of the body, I rise in support of the amendment. I did support the concept last year in LB 241, which changed that formula for distribution of aid to community colleges, because I really felt that the heavy vocational classes do require additional funds. I guess I'm not too sure how the salary and the state aid actually plays in. I know that we will have an increase in the budget if this amendment is passed, but I do support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bernard-Stevens.