

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Before I do that, Senator Hillman, this is your time, is that correct?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Do you want Senator Warner to yield Senator Wickersham your time?

SENATOR HILLMAN: How much time do we have left?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You have about one minute left.

SENATOR HILLMAN: All right, Senator Wickersham, in his benevolent way would not be able to tell me in a minute, and so I would turn on my light, or I'd appreciate Senator Wickersham doing that, and some explanation. The other thing I would like with it is if they have any kind of a timeline whereby they think they could be addressing this? There are two of the six community colleges that don't have any apparent problems with an 8 percent, but the rest of them do. And I know that's general when we're talking about counties and cities also. But to know the revenue's thinking, the Revenue Committee's thinking in how they would initiate and perhaps how soon, and if they have any definite plans to address that. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Klein, followed by Senators Beutler and Wickersham.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I want to compliment Senator Beutler on his 180 degree swing from this morning. I actually like his idea this time. I'm going to support that. We live in a very fast-changing world. You know we just...we need to do something to make sure education can stay up. I think at the present time there are 40,000 articles, scientific articles published every week, that's just the ones that are published, those are not the ones that are submitted. The World Future Society said that knowledge doubles every 15 months now, and by the next millennium it will be every 11 months. I don't think we can afford to take a bite out of education. I think we need to fund it. I like his idea. Like I said, the world is changing rapidly. Since the U.N. was formed, 130 of the 190 countries that are in the U.N. have changed, they are not the same ones. So I think that if we slow down on our education, because of a bill like this, we're going