

for the Education Committee, so it will be really studied in two different areas, Senator Jones, and I think that the people in your district can be assured by this and by the intention of the Education Committee that we are going to look very seriously at sparsity as a factor in school finance, and with that, I will support the Withem amendment and will continue to work in that area from the perspective of the Education Committee also.

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

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body. My light was still on, so I would like to just make one more request to Senator Bohlke, if she'd yield.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR JONES: I would like to have you come up to Valentine for one of the interim studies, if you would.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Jones, I will be glad to return to Valentine, because not last summer but the summer before, I was in Valentine and that's where this issue...I mean I became aware of it. I had been out in the Third District, but I'd be very happy to return to Valentine. We had a wonderful time and saw great quality education, and I'll be happy...I don't know if it will be this interim study, but I'd be happy to return to Valentine.

SENATOR JONES: Well, I open that request. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I'll be brief, somewhat out of necessity this morning, and if I drool a little bit here, it's because one-half of my face is numb. It is not because I've had a stroke but because I've been to a very kind dentist. So I...but I do want to make a couple remarks about the common levy. Last night we discussed it briefly in the context of the community colleges. Oh, a drool cup, thank you, Senator. I suppose since this is an election year, this will be the one part of the debate that gets videotaped and spread all over my district. But, anyway, I do not believe yet, despite the opinion of the Supreme Court, that the common levy represents anything that is very good policy for the state of