the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Brown. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President. I will just say a couple more things, and I will...and I will support the amendment. Thank you for handing it out, Senator Brown. Many of you, I think, have looked at the analysis that I have, the California results from Proposition 13, that famous Proposition 13, and this is the same mentality that is trying now to do what I feel is tearing our educational system down. Specialists in California now are nonexistent, and when you say, well, why do we need specialists? It is because we have so many children who need special attention for all kinds of reasons. Classes are large, and I have talked to some people in California, I know that. We, 24, 25 in a class is what most of our schools in Nebraska work at so a teacher has an opportunity to know each child and be able to relate to that child and help with...educate the child along with understanding where the child comes from, what kind of home and so on. There are schools in Lincoln still, one or two, that don't have decent playground equipment. They have foundations that try to help them get that. Parents go out and raise money. One school, in particular, the parents don't have the kind of money to put in to buy the school the equipment. They just recently got one nice big piece and they are really feeling like they have advanced. It's down here on Ninth Street in Lincoln. The other...the other thing in California is that they have some that have almost developed into being private schools because they have foundation money. That's not the way to operate. We are supposed to educate our children. We aren't supposed to hinder them from that education. There are just so many things that I think we are not thinking about when we start looking at ways to cut back, and I do appreciate the fact that you have put in here not to cut back on academics, to have cuts on that as the last resort. Extracurricular activities and so on, may be cut, but there again, you see, we lose some of the quality of the education we are giving our children when we lose music, and art, and all the things that make life a little more bearable. So I just don't...I do not like the caps. I mean I don't like the lids. I think that the lids will hinder the school districts, in particular, from building the educational system the way it should be built. Another thing that we have to think