

more that says it will be a local decision for schools if they are to offer that transportation or not. And I am sure we will be looking at some of the other things that are required of schools along those lines. So I thank Senator Brown for bringing this, and I think that there will be a number of areas, maybe, that will be considered more specifically that will go further than just intent language as we approach Select File. So thank you very much.

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

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. As one more member of the Revenue Committee who needs his memory refreshed, I guess, I will indicate that we did discuss the general concept that Senator Brown is bringing to you in the committee, and we did consider more generic language. I will vote for Senator Brown's amendment, but I may also vote for more generic language on Select File, because I don't think the problem that she is highlighting is one unique to the schools, in any respect. It literally would cut across all of the political subdivisions. But I think it does call into question what we would consider to be the good-faith actions of the local elected officials in how they are going to deal with the limitations that may be placed on them through 299 and 1114. I guess it is all of our hopes that they will act in a way that most effectively and efficiently reduces their spending without actually getting to the meat, if that is possible. You know, if that is possible, that is what we would hope and expect that they would do as responsible administrators, as responsible elected officials. Whether we need to ask them to do that as a part of legislative intent I think is somewhat debatable, but I don't believe that it hurts anything to do that because it implies a recognition at the legis'ative level that we understand that they will have difficult decisions to make, that we understand that they may not always be able to act in accordance with the restrictions it will place on them without actually getting to the meat of some of their activities, but we wish them to get to that last, and to take away the frills and the unnecessary expenditures first, if that can be accomplished; understanding, of course, always that necessary expenditures, frills, the things that are the meat of what they do, the things that are critical is always in the eye of the beholder. But the package that we've been debating now for awhile will certainly cause those decisions to