

I would reiterate what I told Senator Kristensen, and that would be that all else being equal, I think that the intent of the Legislature and of state law, if this were to be adopted, would be...

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR WILL: ...that cuts are made away from the classroom. Obviously, if you have a leaky roof and you can't conduct class, then I think the intent would be here, yeah, you could fix the roof, and if you need to make cuts that may affect the classroom, that is something that certainly would be possible.

SENATOR BROMM: Is it true that a quality administrator, one who is experienced, one who does a good job of helping teachers become better teachers, one who provides leadership for all programs within the school and who is a good public relations person with the community, that that good administrator versus one that you might be able to acquire or hire who has little or no experience, who takes an entirely different view towards those subjects, that that could, in fact, affect the classroom experience, positively or negatively, of the students?

SENATOR WILL: Yes, I believe that's correct.

SENATOR BROMM: The language affecting classroom expenses is one I'd like to focus on. Maybe Senator Bohlke could, if she is available, could yield some light on it. Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Bohlke, the language of this amendment, "affect classroom expenses", now, I'm curious as to what that means. Does that mean books? Does that mean teachers, pencils? Could this be extracurricular items? I'm trying to...I'm grappling a little bit with that language.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Classroom expenses I would think is rather general, but I would say those supplies would be a part of the classroom expenses, as well as the teacher, the books. Looking at those things that support those subject areas in order to make it possible to continue teaching those subjects at the same level, to me, would be the types of things we'd be talking about.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. And this section talks about reduction in a school district budget. Now in fact, under Section 2, you can