

formula under 299 and 1114. Senator Abboud looks at the school districts he said who are going to have their property taxes going up, and actually, what I think he's talking about is the school district he represents that happens to be, show a great deal more resources than need. And so I guess if you would take the reverse of Senator Abboud's argument, he would say that it's fine to raise the property taxes on those school districts that look the neediest and keep those that have the most resource low. That does not make sense to me and certainly isn't what I think that the whole property tax package is all about. So I do oppose the Abboud amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bromm, followed by Senators Abboud, Wickersham, Withem, and Schei pepper.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I rise to support Senator Abboud's proposal and, and let me, let me just take a couple of things a little bit further, I think, that Senator Bohlke mentioned. She mentioned that the models that we've been looking at may not be entirely accurate and that we...there may be some differences from what those models show. And that very well could be true. I think it probably is true. But I can tell you the way the model looks right now, I've got one district that takes a big hit on the income tax rebate, takes a big hit on the change on the option enrollment change, and takes a big hit on the insurance tax premium rebate, all at one time, all at one time. That's a serious and significant change for them. I think all of us know the school districts are faced with I think an April 15 date to rif staff. They must notify staff if they intend to rif them by April 15 for the next school year. They are working, if they haven't already been they should be working on their budgets, very seriously right now, preparing to have those budgets set for hearings and adoption this summer. And while they're doing that, while they're working on that, while they're deciding whether or not they have to rif teachers, we are making significant changes in the school finance law. Now while we're doing that, we are also making significant property tax proposals in 299 and 1114 and the accompanying bills which, by and large, with some modifications or whatever, I hope we get something done there, I hope we do pass those, but those also have an impact. And while that is going on, we have three major petition drives out there and we're not sure how many of them are going to be on the