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have addressed, I believe, earlier, and it is important, I think, when you look at districts who have greater swings in special education costs; one year with a number of students, let's say they had two very high-cost students in the district that cost them \$100,000, when they get that reimbursement at even, let's say, \$70,000 the next year, that should not be counted against them for their qualifying state aid for that year, and that's what this provision in the amendment does, and I would answer any questions if members have questions dealing with that section of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair would like to welcome some guests to the Legislature from Senator Robak's District: 21 fourth grade students from Genoa Elementary School. (Introduces teacher.) Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. We welcome you to the Legislature. The Chair would recognize Speaker Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Senator Wesely, just a point of personal privilege, if I could, to introduce to us our...to introduce to everybody here our newest member, Senator Ron Raikes from the Lincoln area, was appointed by Governor Nelson today, was sworn in at two o'clock today, and I don't think is quite ready yet to go enter into the debate but he is here to get a little acquainted with our process. I think he will be here in the thick of things with us tomorrow, but this is Senator Raikes, his wife, Helen, and his son, Justin, and they are just going to be kind of hanging out and visiting with people here under the balconies. So I urge you to come by and say hello as the time...as the time allows. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: We welcome you, Senator Raikes. We are now ready to take a moment. The Chair recognizes...Mr. Clerk, do we have an amendment pending?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham, apparently he wants to amend Senator Bohke's amendment by striking Section 3 thereof. (See FA338 on page 2023 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. We turn to Senator Wickersham for his amendment to the amendment.