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Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Continued discussion on the bracket motion, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body. I rise because I didn't really get to finish yesterday the thinking that I have on this bill and I'm not sure my thinking is finished on this bill; but I am rising in opposition to the bracket motion, even though some of the things that other speakers have already said I do agree with and they're supporting the bracket motion. But, Senator Stuhr, I think that you have focused us on a very important issue here and I do believe that we do need to focus this attention. I think vocational education has gotten short shrift sometimes and Senator Stuhr has provided us with information about how we stand relative to some other states' spending. But I guess, at the risk of being a purist, I would say that this is not the way to fund it. If you look through the bill, the kinds of things that would be funded through this method would be professional development, improvement of career guidance, development or adaptation of curricular materials, implementation of allied academic courses, collaboration with employers to strengthen vocational development course contents and techniques, career preparation, program operation, developing articulation activities with postsecondary education, developing activities and programs for the inclusion of special populations, and finally, the last one, the one that I think possibly might merit this kind of state funding because we do come through on...in special circumstances for other kinds of capital type expenditures, and that is the acquisition of constructional...instructional equipment. If the bill was about only that, I might be more willing to support it, so I'm...I guess what I wanted to say is I'm not going to support a bracket, but I'm not sure that I'm going to support the bill in the form that it is. And for many of the reasons that other people have already talked about, first of all, the problems of funding education with gambling dollars, secondly, the problems of funding any kind of ongoing program with gambling and lottery funds, I...I don't know about you, but every time I turn on the television and see another one of those ads promoting the lottery I just get furious about it. I don't think the state