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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and I might note that I just made a misstatement. The minimum levy would not be 5 cents below the maximum levy, it is 5 cents below the local effort yield rate. That is...that is the proper calculation. I'm sorry. I apologize to the body for that misstatement. The amendment that I'm bringing you is what I would characterize as a technical amendment. I would have to tell you that this is an amendment that was suggested in the Education Committee as a possible committee amendment. I talked the committee counsel out of it. As soon as the bill was advanced to the floor, I talked to the folks in the fiscal staff and in my office, and they said that counsel for the Education Committee was exactly right, that you should have the amendment adopted. And it goes to the calculation that is necessary against statewide needs and the adjusted valuation. What it does is explicitly makes the provisions of the bill applicable to all school districts. The bill, as introduced, would have been...had the calculation applied only to districts receiving equalization aid. Well, you can't do that because there is the possibility that the calculations will bring additional schools into equalization and that would affect the calculations. So the amendment is largely a technical amendment that is necessary in order to get the proper calculation and to carry out the intent of the bill. It does have a fiscal impact but you will not see a fiscal impact in the fiscal note as filed for this bill. Adoption of the amendment will cause a fiscal note to appear that has dollars in it, and those will be approximately \$13 million that would then appear as additional aid in the year 2001-2002. So adoption of the amendment will, indeed, cause a fiscal impact, at least we're projecting a fiscal impact in the year 2001-2002, but it is necessary in order to make the bill technically correct and to carry out its intended purpose. And with that, Mr. President, I'd be happy to discuss the amendment with anyone who has questions about the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We are now discussing AM2463 to LB 1107. Those wishing to speak, Senators Bohlke, Jones, and Raikes. Senator Bohlke, on the amendment. Senator Bohlke waives off. Senator Jones, on the amendment. Senator Jones waives off. Senator Raikes, on the amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the