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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Jones. Yes, Senator, you should be on.

**SENATOR JONES:** (Microphone malfunction) Mr. President, members of the body.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** I'm sorry, Senator, now try it.

**SENATOR JONES:** Mr. President, members of the body, could I ask Senator Wickersham another question?

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Yes.

**SENATOR JONES:** Just as well keep this conversation going.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** All right.

**SENATOR JONES:** Been for two days now, but I think I understand it. The 45 percent from local property tax is a statewide, it's not according to each school. I've got some that's not equalization and some that are, and so the 45 percent wouldn't make no difference whether you're equalized or not?

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** No.

**SENATOR JONES:** Okay. Does it also take in consideration a lot of schools, like the Class VI's do not have buses and the others do, that still don't make no difference in the calculation? Because I know that they got extra expense locally.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** If...if you're in a...transportation is on the needs side so it wouldn't...it wouldn't affect...this bill wouldn't affect transportation. Doesn't make any difference whether you have transportation or not, no.

**SENATOR JONES:** Okay. Well, I...I like the idea and I...I (inaudible) I'm not signed on the bill, but I'd like to be signed on the bill, but anyway I'd like to see it go to 40 and maybe less, but that's probably another time in another bill.