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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights on, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham waives closing. We are now voting on AM2717. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2726.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I'd withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler withdraws the amendment. The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Raikes would move to amend with AM2766, Senator. (AM2766, Legislative Journal page 1017.)

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment would have a substantive impact. Let me back up just...just a second in introducing it. The bill really I think has two main thrusts. One of them is to suggest as a matter of policy that the Legislature is not going to allow property tax support of schools to exceed a certain level, so I'll identify that as one concept. The second concept is what specific level is appropriate, and currently in the bill that level is 45 percent. This amendment would change that 45 percent to 47 percent, make it 2 percent more, so that the thrust of this amendment would be to allow local support of schools to...or local support, yes, to schools to...through property taxes not to exceed 47 percent of total needs. My reason for offering this amendment is...is...well, there are a couple, one of them certainly is the financial or fiscal impact. With...I think