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resegagate the schools. And if the people want to pay property tax for that, let them, they're not too concerned. But my responsibility is as a state senator, OPS and any other local agency or political subdivision notwithstanding. And I do not think what is being done here is a good policy. But what is being offered by Senator Wickersham's amendment is better than his original bad bill at 47 percent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights, did you wish to close on your amendment to the Raikes amendment?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I will be brief. This amendment simply sets the number at 46 percent as opposed to 47 percent in Senator Raikes' original amendment. It would cause...it would still cause LB 1107 to be neutral in terms of the next cycle of state aid. I think it represents a good compromise between 45 percent, that the bill was introduced at, and 47 percent, the number that Senator Raikes suggested. I am in...I am concerned about increases in valuation by themselves reducing the amount of state aid that we will pay out, that will inevitably mean higher property taxes, in particular for support of schools. I think that this is a good objective for us to set for ourselves and I hope you'll support the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing on the Wickersham amendment. The question before the body is, shall the Wickersham amendment, FA318, be adopted to AM2766 to LB 1107? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Could I have a call of the house and a roll call vote?

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.