

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Pedersen is being brought in by the Sergeant at Arms, so I think we are ready to vote. Mr. Clerk, a roll call vote has been requested in reverse order.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken in reverse order. See pages 1891-92 of the Legislative Journal.) Madam President, the vote is 11 yeas, 27 nays.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment is from Senator Beutler. This is AM1867.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, it is not 1867, it has one more line on it, and this is my last amendment, and I am certainly willing to abide by the will of the body, but I want to make one last effort to, because I do think the Weatherization Fund does a lot of good, and because I think it is poor judgment to put this money into what we are putting it into, the way we are putting it into. I want to make one last effort as a compromise on this. What this amendment does now, with the sentence added to 1867 is to say this, as with 1867, it would immediately turn over all cash funds, \$4 million, into the School Technology Fund, okay. The rest of the money in the Weatherization Fund is currently out in loans, and what it would say with respect to the amount that is currently out in loans is that as those repayments come back in, an additional \$4 million will be transferred over into a school technology loan program. So the final result of the bill would be that you would switch over \$8 million, and you would have a loan program instead of a grant program, but it would be over there permanently in the School Technology Fund. The other side of that is that you've cut the Weatherization Fund in half. As the loan repayments come in on weatherization, half of that money they will not be able to use any longer, and the amount available will be approximately enough to...there is, well, it is going to be cut in half. And by doing this, you will have put \$8 million into the School Technology Fund, which is more than Senator Robinson asked for in the green copy of his bill. You are giving them more money, and the money is not going to be spent outright; it is going to be loaned. You have cut the weatherization program in half. Let program evaluation finish