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LB 89, 89A, 241, 311, 326, 326A, 389, 390
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urge you not to support the Wickersham amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 524, LB 524A, LB 535, LB 593, LB 593A, LB 616, LB 326, LB 326A, LB 89, LB 89A, LB 311, LB 389, LB 390, LB 429, LB 241, and LB 887. Senator Pirsch, your light is next, followed by Senators Warner, Bromm, Bohlke, Robinson, Hartnett, Bernard-Stevens, Schimek, Wickersham and Pedersen.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask some questions of Senator Wickersham, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Quite frankly, when we were meeting on this, I thought perhaps one of the better reasons to pass this bill was to talk about alternatives, to make sure that schools did have alternatives instead of just sending a student home, you know, to get into more mischief and to watch TV. Have you...do you know in your school districts if they have a policy for those who are expelled? In your school districts, I don't imagine you have many expelled, but is there in place in your school districts, do you think, a policy that provides for a student who is expelled?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, okay, the schools, undoubtedly, have expulsion policies. I know that your question is, do they have any follow-up programs? I do not know. I suspect that many of them do not because many of them are very small schools and I...they are literally one-room buildings, and whether or not they have expulsion...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you know how many students were expelled in your district, in the school districts in your district?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: During any (interruption)...

SENATOR PIRSCH: During the last year.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Last year, no, I do not.