

school year, that's fine, you're in substantial compliance, 1250 as we have it now is fine. And since there is that possibility, I'm willing to support the bill but, Senator Bromm, I want you to know if that word hadn't been changed I don't care if there would have been \$39 million or not, I would have voted against the bill because it was bad policy to set it at calendar year. You know we can't make decisions based on dollars and we could go into the aspect of whether or not we'd actually lose the dollars or what have you, but if you don't like the bill, vote against it. I would have voted against this but Senator Bohlke...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...made a good change. I appreciate that and with that change I can support the bill because it does protect dollars but it also sets the potential for good policy and that I appreciated. It was a good compromise, it was done openly, it was within the process and it was a good process.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. There are no further lights remaining. Senator Pirsch, would you like to close on your bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you and I will be brief. I do appreciate all of the concerns in the debate that we have had today. I think it's going to be okay. I guess that's my message for you. We started on a statewide discipline code last year, and while this federal carrot and stick mandate irritates, I do think that we need to address this problem. We need to address the growing violence in schools but we also need to avoid just letting these at-risk youth dry in the wind or sit home and watch TV or, quite frankly, they're more likely to cause more problems on the streets and in the communities. So I think you will find this to be a good change and I urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 658. All those in...Senator Maurstad. The question is the advancement of LB 658. All those in favor say aye. Opposed vote no. The bill is advanced. Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 658A, I do have E & R amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Maurstad, on the E & R amendments.