

SENATOR BOHLKE: And that's why we did not do the 1145 recommendations, because those of us on that task force, and there were some who were neutral from the Department of Ed, you know, their perspective would not have been just for the equalized schools. And so I'm glad you asked that question, because that's been floating out there...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...and I really think that it is an inaccurate criticism of the task force. Thank you.

SENATOR STUHR: All right, thank you. Just in closing, again, I will support Senator Bromm's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: I do feel that the delay would certainly be worthwhile. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Members of the Legislature, I do support the Bromm amendment. And please indulge me while I share some of my frustration with you. A few, short years ago the voters of the state of Nebraska were asked to vote on LB 1059. The promise was property tax relief, and 45 percent of the education budget would be paid for by other revenue, other than property taxes. I happen to come from a county that I guess is wealthy, if you determine irrigated agricultural land a means of determining wealth. If 1050 stays in its present form, less than 11 percent of the school budget, in my county, shall come from state aid; the other 89.2 percent shall be paid for by the property tax payers of the state of Nebraska. If LB 1050 stays in its same form, Phelps County will lose \$300,000 worth of state aid for education. Now I understand equalization and its goal, and I understand why there's 25 solid votes to move this on. But, like I said, please bear with me while I tell you about my frustrations. It's kind of a Robin Hood bill, you're robbing from the rich to give to the poor, only the rich aren't necessarily rich just because they own property. Two school districts out in my area, one of them is in Senator Owen Elmer's district, and one is in my district, although some of it...some of Cambridge, I'm sure, has some patrons in my district.