

are that this isn't a tying of the hands, but just a general statement. The school board still has the ultimate decision on their judgment. This is a public lip service, if you will, as to what we think should be done.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Except I think it's a strong statement from the Legislature. As Senator Will said, this is intent language. But I think it's simply stating that we certainly hope that every school board out there will look at those other things before they look to the classroom, and that the classroom would be as a last resort.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that you'll consider all expenditures first, but in terms of actually trying co...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...(inaudible) within those lids, the school board will make that determination. Is that correct?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. And Senator Kristensen, I think, made a good deal of the record that I would like to establish. I might have a couple more questions, if Senator Will would yield to a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Will, the language in this amendment, which I'm going to support over the alternative language that's in the bill, as Senator Kristensen was alluding to, talks about, as a last resort language. And does this mean that you can't fix a roof and hire a teacher?

SENATOR WILL: No Senator Bromm, because I think what it is again, and it is important to understand that it is intent language and it's not mandatory. But at the same time, I guess