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LB 180, 806, 806A

I'm going to watch them cut your heads off. And they're going to do it so neat and with such finesse that you won't know your head is cut off until you decide to shake it. Then it's going to fall on the ground and roll like the bowling ball that it is. And a bowling ball has more intelligence because at least it behaves in the way a bowling ball is designed to. We are rational animals. You all are not behaving in a rational manner. The bowling ball wins.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before continuing with this debate, Senator Jensen has guests in the north balcony. They're 22 first, second and third graders from Kopecky Montessori School in Omaha with their teachers. Would all of you stand and be welcomed by your Legislature? Thank you for being here. On the Bromm amendment, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I'm rising in support of this amendment because I think it starts to address an issue that will arise if we pass LB 180 and use that as the future mechanism for funding property tax relief initiatives rather than the alternative that would presumably follow this bill as 806A. LB 806A calls for a direct addition to state aid to schools of \$100 million. And that kind of absolute direction would be necessary in order to have a certification on December 1. The alternative that's proposed in LB 180 is that we put together a pool of monies and then subsequently direct how those are to be used. That direction could easily be given in time next year for a certification of aid by April 1. That certification I think would be in time for schools to complete their planning even before they begin the process of developing a budget for the following school year. It is an attempt to make LB 180 fit within the process. The certification date of December 1 is certainly well before any certification date that we have had before. April 1 I think fits comfortably within the schedules that we have had before and it is only a one-year change that allows us to phase in the LB 180 approach and, therefore, I think it is entirely appropriate for the next school year. After that school year is past and we've fully implemented the budgeting and the planning process from our fiscal side, perhaps with the addition of the amendment that Senator Withem offered yesterday that gives direction to the Appropriations Committee concerning the amount of money to place