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not have the protection of the supermajority or the superpriority bills, you might ask yourself what one individual would do...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if they could manipulate those bills also. What goes around comes around. What you don't like today applied against you, you will appreciate later when it is to your advantage. The point is, has the opposition been treated fair in each and every case? This bill had more than eight hours debate on General File. It is now up almost to eight hours of debate on Select File. It will have more. Every opportunity has been afforded the opposition to offer amendments of all types at both stages of debate. You have observed the type of amendments that have been offered. I think everybody recognizes that there's a bit of a dearth of good suggestions in terms of amendments to this bill so far. There have been numerous meetings that Senator Bohlke has initiated with the opposition to try to elicit...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...ideas and compromises. They have not come to any fruition yet. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bohlke followed by Schimek, Withem, Coordsen, Abboud, McKenzie, and Bromm. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in opposition to this amendment and I would hope that some of you who may be confused on why this would work or wouldn't work would give some close attention to what I'm about to say. We have tried to explain and in committee actually we passed the December 1 date because there would never be a year that it would be more important for schools to know at an earlier time what their budget may or may not be regardless of what we do here. We have that budget that they are setting next year is for 1998 which is the year that 1114 comes into play. So schools more than any other year need more time. What this does is the exact opposite, back it up a year when they need the