

that. Maybe that's part of the reason why this is finally popping up on Final Reading in answer to Senator Bromm's question. I'm not sure, but it does put you in a bind except that there's an amendment following this one which can arguably get us out of the bind, leave the controversial provision on the desk and adopt the one that we actually need. And I would just very simply urge the body to reject Senator Withem's motion to return so we can move on to the subsequent amendment which is something that we need to do in a critical fashion...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and that is agreed to.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Jones. Senator Jones, you're next. Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I'll recognize Senator Withem for closing.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, let me make four about points in closing. It has been a good debate and a good discussion. Obviously when emotions run high, things are said that may not be meant in the context in which they are stated so I'll try not to respond with anger, but to set the record straight. Somehow I get this sense that I'm being accused of trying to slip something by people at the last minute, like I'm almost being a Senator Ashford here on this particular...he was looking at me so I had to respond, like I'm somehow trying to slip something past them: April 30 this amendment was filed in the Journal as an amendment to LB 348. Had 348 come up in its normal order we would have dealt with it there. I know that people read the Journal. Dick Kamm, the superintendent from Lakeview has been down here practically every day since then. I don't know if school had recessed in April or not, but he's been down here practically every day. People have had full opportunities to visit with people from the Class VI's, from other groups to support this so that's no problem. These wild-eyed spenders that serve on local school boards that Senator Wickersham is so concerned with that are now