

not a new idea at all. We talked about it when we did affiliation a number of years ago. It's not a new idea, it's not something that is new. And Senator Wickersham talks about, well, you're going to have some people paying for other children to go to school. We have a system in this state that provides that a whole lot of people are paying for school that don't even have any children in school'.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BAACK: Are we going to go to a system that only requires people who have children in school to pay for them? Of course we're not going to do that. Education is a responsibility of everyone in society. It's not a responsibility of just those who have children. I think this is one of those cases where we need to make a policy decision, we need to move forward on this issue. We need to say, look, a common levy is not going to put these schools out of business. They are still going to have their local control, they are still going to have their local boards, they are still going to make local decisions. But we're going to provide that every system of K-12 education in this state functions in the same manner. We're not going to provide for a unique system that allows for tax havens to exist. So with that I urge you to vote for the motion to return and then to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Baack. We'll now vote on the motion to return. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, let's have a check in and then have a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Would the senators please check in. Senator Haberman, please check in. Senator Hartnett, please check in. We will proceed with a roll call vote in regular order on the motion to return. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 2640 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 20 nays.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. We are at Select File. Senator Withem, for opening on the amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: The amendment has been fully debated. If