

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Roll call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do you have items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 110, LB 110A and LB 429 as correctly engrossed. That's all that I have. (See page 2643 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed on the agenda. We are on LB 839E. And I believe we're on the Withem amendment to 839E. Correct?

ASSISTANT CLERK: That's correct, Mr. President. The amendment is found on page 2584.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay, and I do have a...I do have a list of speakers and we will work through those. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, again I rise in opposition to this amendment. I think that what actually happens here with the passage of this amendment you have eliminated the Class VI district and it becomes nothing more than an affiliated Class II or III district, does the same type thing we've already done with the affiliation process. I don't think that was part of the bargain when affiliation was sold. I think affiliation was sold on the premise that we are going to take care of those lingering Class I districts out there but not affect the Class VI districts, and this amendment would do just that. I have to respond to one of the things that Senator Withem said this morning concerning the spending per average daily membership. Those two school districts that he talked about each had two children and the average daily spending per student was like \$10,000. I guess that probably amounts to the price of hiring a teacher out there. For the most part, these people that operate these Class I districts