

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: I know people don't say things necessarily to antagonize people but I've got to admit, Senator Bromm, I was a little resentful of the implication that there was something shady or underhanded. The bill was introduced on the first day. We knew it was out there. We've been up front all along saying it's a goal to accomplish the common levy. The amendment was printed in the Journal on the 30th of April. As I said, you've had daily contact from the Class VI folks down here lobbying on this bill. The other side of the people have lobbied on it. We took a different tactic here because that's what's available to us, to make sure we got the issue considered. I don't resent that...I don't apologize for that. I think it was a very straight up approach. I think what we've done here is removed another contentious issue in terms of education policy in our state by adopting this amendment and then by adopting the whole bill. I would urge you to do both.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Withem. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment as offered by Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Withem...or excuse me, Senator Wickersham would move to indefinitely postpone LB 839.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I understand that there may be a request for a point of order here to see whether, in fact, this motion is in order. I have brought it, at least in part, so that we can discuss the issue of whether or not it is in order and to illustrate that when we take up the kind of issue that the common levy represented on Final Reading it is not, in my opinion, business as usual. Or, at least, if it is going to become business as usual, Final Reading will become a very different creature than it has been in the past. Now, I...in