

this portion of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on this portion of the amendment? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the first portion of Senator Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The first portion is adopted. Senator Withem, on the remaining portion of the amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, let me open on this, and then give the rest of my time to Senator Schellpeper, who had originally filed this as a concept. We talked a lot yesterday about a common levy. Somebody, I think it might have been Senator Jones, raised the issue about if one school district wanted to build a building could cause everybody in an affiliated system to help pay for that. I responded no because the common levy applies only to...only to the General Fund. This amendment would make it apply to asbestos abatement and Americans With Disability Act, the improvements. If you recall, we have a special levy for Aid to Dependent...somebody. ADA is Americans Disabilities Act and asbestos abatement, there is a special levy for those projects. The Schellpeper amendment would make that apply to the...to the entire affiliated system. So that's what this would do. I'll let Senator Schellpeper respond with the rationale for doing that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, and thank you, Senator Withem. This amendment came to me from the Stanton School District. They are in the process right now of trying to do something for ADA and they also have had several affiliated districts that have affiliated with the Stanton District. Actually, this amendment has two parts. The first part amends the statutes relating to the environmental hazards and the accessibility barriers. It makes no change in the manner which a levy is assessed or in the levy limits but it does impact all of the affiliated districts. And, like I said, this came about from the Stanton District because I think we have ten districts now that are affiliating with the Stanton Public Schools. For the affiliated school districts, the levy that will be used for the environmental hazards or the accessibility barriers, they will be assessed upon...they may be assessed upon the taxable property of the school system, sending