

discussing the issue this morning because everybody keeps referring to partisan this or partisan that. I told the Governor and I think I've stuck with it completely, I want the issue. This issue is important. I want to address the arguments raised in favor of the proposal, by Senator Johnson and by Senator Withem. Senator Withem suggested that the system that I put into 662 does not solve all the school financing problems into perpetuity. Aw, come on, come on, come on. You tell me the major bill passed here that doesn't need refining, that doesn't need additional pieces from year to year. I never claimed it did. I said for the first time it laid the cornerstones and built the outer walls for a complete system. Now Senator Withem is in the building trades. If anybody should know, he knows that you don't put in the walls, distribution, formulas and everything else before you have the cornerstone and the foundation and the walls, until you have something that raises the money, some goal as to how much money is going to be raised, some statement of what your purpose is, in other words, statewide financing, responsibility for education. That it does. And how many bills have been introduced as bills in constitutional amendments over the years to do each one of these things singly, each one of them? You'd never get them done. Senator Withem, maybe I don't know any more than you about the legislative process, but I've watched it for 15 years very closely. As God above is watching us, you will not individually be able to get any one of these through in all the special sessions you want to call. It just isn't going to happen. You'll get fighting about formulas. Somebody else will get fighting about amounts. Somebody else will get fighting about property tax. Somebody else will get fighting about sales tax not being the proper thing. At least you're finally boxed in, you're boxed into having to do something. Senator Johnson said, Vard Johnson said, it's a building process and we've got to go slow. Senator Johnson, I don't know how much slower we can go on addressing the financing problems and the system of financing education. I don't know just how much slower we can go, but I'll tell you this. History is pretty full, history is pretty full of necessity being the mother of invention. World War II, December 7, 1941, at the beginning of World War II no such thing existed as the jet airplane, nuclear energy or nuclear bombs. The United States of America rolled on true rubber rather than synthetic rubber. We built ships, hand by hand in unautomated fashion on...there was no such thing as radar. In less than five