

provide where certain circumstances exist, in the case of Lexington, maybe and even others, that that could happen. This amendment simply provides that in some cases also the same school districts, because of a court order or because of action by the CIR might cause the same kind of a circumstance. And, without reading the paragraph, it simply adds the same language that we added for buildings and the cost of maintenance and the operation of those buildings for those kinds of costs that could be enforced on school districts as a result of CIR action or court orders. And that's as simple as that. It's been...it...the language has, in fact, been discussed with the school boards association and the school administrators association and the teachers and they all agree to it and I think would be grateful if you would support this amendment. I will try to answer any questions you might have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. On the Lynch amendment, Senator Schimek, did you wish to address this amendment? Senator Wesely, did you wish to address this amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: No, not yet. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to address this amendment. It's simply to say I do support it. One of the unfinished pieces of business that we knew was in LB 1059 when we passed it and just could not reach a consensus of what needed to be done when it went through was the potential that for some school districts living under a budgetary limitation, on one hand, and being forced by the Commission on Industrial Relations to raise teacher salaries. On the other hand, there might be a conflict and when that conflict would occur what would happen would be things like...things like materials, supplies, other things that benefit students directly would be cut because we all know administrators' salaries couldn't be cut, but the other sort of things would be...would be subject to a cut. This summer a number of people did a fair amount of work on this issue and came up with this concept that the orders...dollars expended beyond the lid required by a Commission on Industrial Relations would be free from lid restraints made sense, particularly as we got into it. I think when we were originally doing the school finance issue and this came up we had an assumption that that might cost...be a lot of money, a huge sum