

sections I have talked about and then we can deal with the four sections that remain in the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Senator Warner, would you yield to a question please? Senator Warner, did I hear you right that in one of the areas that you were striking a section that would pay teachers, administrators who serve on a commission on behalf of the State Department of Education, when it came to reviewing the accreditation of schools, their reimbursement for their days absence from their school system? Why did you feel that was necessary? Could you elaborate on that please.

SENATOR WARNER: We are not talking about what is in the bill in addition to the committee amendment does not take that out. Originally the committee looked at and introduced legislation that would have repealed per diems for a whole flock of advisory commissions and committees believing that it was more appropriate to only be reimbursed for actual expenses which was mileage, meals and lodging if necessary. This would have been a part of that broad concept, it is not a lot of money. Last year it was \$2,160 but I think the committee's discussion of retaining that in the bill as introduced was that it probably really wasn't necessary to have that reimbursement back to the school districts. It is a minor amount in keeping with the broader concept that we would hope to have implemented in another year that no per diem is virtually paid anywhere other than actual expenses.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Senator Warner. Members, the part that was stricken relates to a bill that I passed last session that looked at the inequities of teachers and their districts being required to stand the cost whereby the State Department of Education asked for them to provide their services and following through with the accreditation procedures relating to the state's colleges, universities. I feel that that was an important reimbursement to the school district, an expense they shouldn't stand. I probably will entertain on Select File a motion, an amendment placing that language back within the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Warner please. Senator Warner, I'm looking at a fiscal note dated February 25th. Is this current?