

But there comes a point in time on this floor when we have to think about the past and we have to think about the future and we have to think about what is right and what is wrong. To be completely frank, I might even vote against my own amendment at this point in time because I offered it because the previous amendment, except for the effective date, made no sense to me either. If it made sense, we wouldn't have suggested the rules change as we recommended out of the body. Ex officio membership can be very patronizing in a lot of ways. It doesn't necessarily mean it's right. It is an important responsibility, like I said before. The money in that fund is determined not by anybody except approved by and recommended by this body after negotiations by employees; have the list, for example, of the people involved in that plan. There are teachers, there are state patrol, there are judges, there are state employees and county employees. Now if you want to have ex officio members, put a teacher on it, put a state patrolman on it, put a judge on it, put a state employee on it, put a county employee on it, put the chairman of the Appropriations Committee on it, I don't care. But that oversight responsibility could just as well, and should probably, also include those as well if, you, in fact, think there should be some kind of ex officio membership at all. So I know it's not going to make it, but I thought I'd get that last shot in on it. There is nothing going on here except people recommending what is right, and I think our committee recommended what they thought in their heart was right. That is all there was to it and I hope we ultimately get back to the bill in its original form and we support that. With that, I'll close.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the amendment to the amendment to LB 189. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if a speech is