

then that we go against the Schmit amendment after adopting the Withem amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Further discussion on the Withem amendment? Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Schmit and Lamb.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Withem a question. Senator Withem, and I know what you said in general, but exactly what will your amendment do and what will be the effect of it, if it's adopted?

SENATOR WITHEM: The Schmit amendment right now, one cent sales tax, half to teachers salaries, half to property tax. Withem amendment to Schmit amendment takes property tax fund out of the bill, decreases one cent to one-half cent, that money to go to teachers salaries.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So your amendment would remove the property tax component from the entire bill and not just the reference to it in Senator Schmit's amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: The committee amendments already took the reference out of the bill. The Schmit amendment puts that reference back in. My amendment to the Schmit amendment would delete that portion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm glad that you're aware of what the bill's original form was and what it is now, because when we were talking about a germaneness issue there were references to property tax, but apparently that is not in the bill, based on the way it was amended.

SENATOR WITHEM: That is correct, that thought did cross my mind when I heard the Chair's ruling.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then the basis for the ruling was on something that was not in the bill anyway.

SENATOR WITHEM: It was in the green copy of the bill, it was not in the bill as amended by the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the amendment that Senator Schmit is offering to the bill as amended by the committee amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: It is my understanding that the Schmit