

going to address that issue at this session of the Legislature. I believe the issue ought to be addressed. Senator Withem, do you want to make a few comments, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, approximately one minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, very briefly. Thank you, Senator Schmit, for giving me the moment or two. I think this has been an instructive debate. Senator Scofield had indicated it was a waste of time and I don't think it was a waste of time. I think it's a very important issue and there are a lot of people that came up to me today and said, we want to learn more about this issue, do you have information in the office? Do you have some stuff that will explain these different facts? What's the history of it? So I think it's a good...it was a good discussion. What we're asking you to do now is bring the bill to the floor. We're not saying put it on the Governor's desk in the form that Senator Schmit wants to have it in. I think it's a piece of the whole puzzle. I think the fact that there are some counties in the state that are benefiting unfairly, in my opinion unfairly, from this in lieu of taxes is a part of the puzzle that means that there isn't a statewide consensus on getting something done on property taxes. I think this is part of what was talked about yesterday and what will be talked about at the rest of the session. All we're asking now is bring the bill to the floor. We'll work on it. We'll work on it. Maybe outright repeal isn't the only solution. Maybe you'll repeal this and do something else someplace else along the line to account for what's going on. Maybe selling the lands is part of the puzzle.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR WITHEM: The point that Senator Schmit and I are making is that it's an important issue and needs to be brought to the floor of the Legislature and we urge you to do so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is placing LB 188 on General File notwithstanding the action previously taken by the Education Committee. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Pursuant to Rule 3, Section 17, a three-fifths majority of the elected members necessary. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Microphone not on) ...for a roll call vote,