

specific language in there directing exactly how that would take place. Another minor little technical amendment, it deletes \$38 million appropriation from the bill that originally when the bill was introduced we were going to tie it together with a school funding measure. The school funding measure is standing on its own elsewhere. You can write back to your constituents and tell them you voted for an amendment today that saved \$38 million of taxpayers' money and you're being a fiscal conservative. And the rest of it is basically updating language, that type of information, again, another clarification that just doesn't apply to Class VI's. It clarifies incorrect dates in the bill. I would urge you to support this amendment to put the bill into better shape.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the Withem amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The first Withem amendment is adopted. Senator Withem, do you have another one.

CLERK: Yes, sir, on page 162, AM2058.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members, AM2058 is a date change. I just want to talk about this separately a little bit. Number one, because as I mentioned, that there have been lots of charges about what my intent is in dealing with this. One of the latest charges about what type of skullduggery I was proposing to force Class I's out of existence was that we were going to pass 259 and then it would go into effect in July of this year and everything would have to be completed by next February, and if the Class II's and III's would just simply drag their feet, they would be forced into mandatory merger. That is not my intent. They do point out a good point, that the bill was drafted last year for passage last year. It didn't pass last year so we need to update the date somewhat. It indicates that the current copy of the bill indicates that the petitions have to be completed, the affiliation process has to be completed by February 1 of 1991, a year from now. What we are