

there are none, I would suggest a support of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, would Senator Withem yield to a question, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Withem, as you know, there is some legislation introduced that we put a lid on government subdivisions and in my fiscal note it states, requires that local school authorities provide such a program. Are we mandating a program to the schools that is going to cost them additional funds in their budget?

SENATOR WITHEM: It's really updating an existing mandate. The mandate to provide health education is there. This is mandating that the health education will be brought up-to-date. Whether or not it's going to cause additional expenses by local school districts, I would tend to doubt it but I can't answer it conclusively. Maybe you should address that to one of the sponsors of the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, I will wait and do that then. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WITHEM: If there are other questions, this corrects a bill drafting error and adds the information about the prevention and causes of mental retardation. So, with that, I would urge you to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.