

PRESIDENT: Any objection? If not, proceed, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have been in contact with the Education Department who is going to handle this bill, or rather they have been in contact with me and they have persuaded me to offer this substitute amendment and the amendment is Section 3, page 5, line 15, and it adds a new subsection (4). One pilot project must be located in congressional district number one. One pilot project must be located in congressional district number two. And one pilot project must be located in congressional district number three. Each of the congressional districts shall receive one pilot project. The fourth pilot project shall be at large and shall be located according to the decision of the State Department of Education. They have agreed that this is a good amendment. It assures everyone of one project and a floater and I would ask the body to adopt my amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We're speaking now on the Haberman amendment. Senator Ashford, did you wish to talk about the Haberman amendment? Senator Wesely, on the Haberman amendment. Senator Wesely, did you wish to...okay, Senator Crosby on the Haberman amendment. Senator Withem on the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, just very briefly, Mr. President. The real purpose of this bill, of course, was to steal money from around the state and put it into my legislative district, but Senator Haberman has caught us here and beings he has caught us, I think we'll probably go along with the amendment. Seriously, it's probably a good idea on these types of things to assure that we do have a balance across the state and I plan on supporting Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: With a ringing recommendation such as that from Senator Withem, I will just ask that the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is the adoption of the Withem amendment, the Haberman amendment, excuse me. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Haberman amendment, Mr. President.