

where all the decisions are made in Lincoln and they're enforced. And if you would like to consider that, that would be an option I would not support. The other is to maintain our system of local control where local teachers, local school boards, local administrators, local parents make decisions about education, that what this process will do is allow them to have access to things that have actually worked well in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Thank you. Thank you. I must say, the idea is probably a very good one but for the cost I think that the results will be very minimal. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Langford. Senator Withem, you are next, but before you speak, do we have matters for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would like to have an Exec Session of the Retirement Committee in the senate lounge now. Retirement Committee, senate lounge now. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senators Korshoj and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, my light was pushed initially when Senator Pirsch and I were engaged in a dialogue there and I was talking too long on her time. Senator Pirsch, did you have anything else that we needed to...? I pushed my button primarily because I was using a lot of your time in answering your questions. Did we finish with...I think you had ended with a question on what's this language about global economic competition doing in the bill? And I plan on addressing that. Was there anything else that I needed to deal with?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, no. I would appreciate hearing that, but also I did have a question on Section 5 also which was mentioned. And I guess I would like to see some instances or examples of when would you want to waive a rule and would you waive it for an individual or for a group in a school board (interruption)?

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, the way...yeah, let me address those two things then in the time that I have here and then save anything