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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud. Thank you. Senator Scofield, discussion?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I didn't know Senator Withem was going to bring this amendment but he addresses a concern that I have had about this bill and it seems to me that the fairness issue is the central one here. And, as I am reading this, I think Senator Withem has hit this but particularly in Section 5...and I'm going to give Senator Withem the rest of my time if he would like to comment on just the question I'm raising and why I think this probably makes some sense. It seems to me what we're saying here is that if the bill is found unconstitutional, that you have to have been...you have to have been the person that brought the suit which, obviously, leads then to the clog-up in the courts that Senator Withem is talking about and it raises a policy issue about fairness which it seems to me maybe if you're a similarly situated person, you ought to be able to get the same privileges as the person who actually brought the suit. It looks to me like right now, the way this is drafted, that that doesn't happen. So I think that's a valid question to raise about the fairness issue and I think, at this point, unless somebody can give me a very good reason why I shouldn't support this, I'm going to support Senator Withem. I will give the rest of my time to Senator Withem if he wants to make sure I'm right the way I'm reading this.

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Scofield, I would agree with your interpretation. I would agree with your interpretation. That is my interpretation also. I really don't have a lot more to add to it at this point, other than to say I think that's your interpretation and I think that's an unfair situation and that's why I'm filing the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, discussion on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm looking for a copy on my desk. Has it been sent around, Ron?

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Landis knows I explained in my introduction what the amendment does is very simple and I did not think it needed distribution. It merely, on the explanation