

the process of finding answers hasn't gone on here, because we have not done the exercise that...Senator Dave Landis is one of my heroes in that regard, because Senator Dave Landis is the type of person who can take people with radically different ideas, bring them together, throw ideas up in the air, work with those ideas and find a solution that maybe nobody knew existed prior to the beginning of the process. That's what I try to do in the area of education. That's what I've tried to do with the area of school finance plan. That process has not taken place. I think there are probably some other things we could do. One thought I would throw out was that maybe rather than dealing with...saying nobody gets access to their money, maybe we ought to be looking at the idea of statutes of limitations. When I heard what the problem was we have some people out there that may be asking for refunds, three, four, five years back, that troubled me. We ought not allow that to happen. I could certainly see a compromise with this maybe extreme position I've been using here, saying that people should always have the right to get their money back, some sort of statute of limitations so we don't go back more than a year in those sort of things. That's something to throw out. Probably everybody in here, if we sat down and we said, how do you deal with the problem, what do you think, could put some good ideas up on the board. And, if we work through a problem-solving process, that has not taken place yet, we could find those solutions. It's just I am...what I have in front of me is the solution that is mentioned in LB 2, and I don't find that to be a good solution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Go ahead, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Ron, would you then, continuing on with this discussion you and I are having here, based on what you've just said, would you be willing to withdraw your amendment for right now and maybe look at something else that could replace it, before we decide whether we could support that amendment? Maybe....

SENATOR WITHEM: I would rather see the amendment be adopted, take this language out of here that I find offensive, and then work to find something to replace it with. I think we have General File, Select File, and Final Reading to do that.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I admit we'd be in a position of having to do that. Maybe that's what we need to do is get pushed into something. Thank you.