

withdraw and substitute AM1570, is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: That is correct.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any objection? No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, AM1570 is offered by Senators Moore and Withem. It is found on page 19...Senator Hall and Withem, found on page 1918 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, let me open very briefly on this, and then give the remainder of the time to Senator Hall. This is his amendment. I should not be stealing the thunder for it. Just want to explain to the body what my rationale in offering it as a substitute at this point. We appear to be getting into a debate and a discussion about earmarking, not earmarking, leaving the bill in its current amended form; that being that all of the money goes to support education innovation and advancement versus spending it on other programs. I think, as an individual who initially supported the idea of leaving it all for education innovation, I think what Senator Hall offers is a realistic alternative, a compromise approach, where half of the money will go toward education programs and half of it for other things. I will be speaking on the substance of the amendment on my own time, but at this time, I would like to yield the balance of the time to Senator Hall for explanation of his amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Appreciate Senator Withem's willingness to substitute this amendment for his. It is filed, but it is filed about five or six amendments back, and it really does only one thing. It changes the bill as it relates to where the money will go, that being the Education Innovation Fund, and it, rather than have it receive 100 percent of the money, has it receive 50 percent of the money. The other 50 percent would go into what would be called the Legislative Assistance Fund, and we would determine, we being the Legislature, would determine how those funds would be used on an annual basis. It would take care of I think all the concerns of those who have spoken, I think very forthrightly, to specific programmatic appropriations of this money, and it would allow