

that child graduates from high school, that child should be able to think, and that child should be able to go out in the world and to compete with our other countries and so on. Right now that is not the case. We are not supporting counseling programs. We should be. The student that went through school, maybe flunked out of college, he was not counseled right in some courses he should take, or he took the wrong courses. Local schools should have more control because geographically we need it. So I am having a real problem. I accept the responsibility, too, but we have simply blindly thrown out money in education without any accountability or, as I said before, the ones that could be responsible for accountability, we have not given them that opportunity either, and that is some of the very fine teachers in the classrooms. But I support Tim but I also support saying specifically where it is going, and our libraries. I think Senator Robinson is on the Appropriations Committee. I understand the libraries aren't getting anything at the federal level. There are four parts. Three are being funded but there is nothing for computerizing or nothing to help the libraries. So there are so many areas, and Senator Withem's wrote, that I think that we now as a Legislature need to accept the responsibility of where this money is going and not just say that throwing out more money is the answer. And, of course, the lotteries will think that, well, there is all this money available, let's spend it any way that we want to, and that is not the way to do it, and we do need to be more aggressive on this floor as how education dollars are spent. So I will be supporting Senator Hall in his efforts.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed to vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Hall, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HALL: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. The amendment I think does, as Senator Will pointed out, strike a balance