

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would. This is simply intent language. It is language that future...and it's intent language in the Appropriations Committee. And, unlike any other intent language that tells other agencies of state government what our intent is, it is...we are telling ourselves what our intent is. So it's simply just kind of a reminder within the appropriations bill when future appropriations committees meet. This is one I feel quite strongly that we raise sales and income tax for a specific person...purpose, not specific person, for a specific purpose. Some people out there think it was for a specific person, maybe, but it was for a specific purpose. And that future Legislatures might have a tendency, as they see money sitting there, coming in from this source, to want to appropriate it for other purposes. So we need to put reminders in the bill, we raised sales and income tax to fund state aid to education, to relieve the portion of funding schools that went to...came off the property tax rolls, and we need to use that money for that purpose. And that's...I think Senator Warner has had a more formalized approach to institutionalize that through his sponsorship of LB 662, which we may or may not get to this year. Absent any formal declaration in statute that these funds are earmarked, I think we need to do some protection in the Appropriations Committee bill so that...so we use the funds for what the people were voting for them on. So that's the purpose of the amendment, I'd appreciate your adoption thereof.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Withem's closing. We will now vote on the amendment offered by Senator Withem. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 836A and LB 836. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend LB 843. Senator Hall's amendment is on page 2032 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. The amendment