

fund it accordingly and in the next biennium if we're not to...to any substantially alter what it is it does, if it needs additional money, we must either fund it with General Funds or some sort of teachers' certification fee. But I think, for the time being, given our corresponding action on the fee bill on the other side, Senator Withem's amendment is...is proper in the fact that it decreases the appropriation to match the revenue stream. And, with that, I support Senator Withem's amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Nelson.

**SENATOR NELSON:** Mr. Speaker, I, too, support Senator Withem's amendment. We had the opportunity to hear this in Education Committee, and through some changes a few years back, LB 575, we did change the work that's to be done by the PPC committee and I'm not so sure that the number of petitions filed by the year, I think it maybe even warrants the position. The NSEA, I think, wanted it and it was part of...part of the system when someone has an appeal and so on that needed to be heard over and above the local school board and this works in conjunction with the State Department of Education. And I might tell you that the number of petitions filed in 1986 and '87 was 16, '87 and '88 is 17, '88 and '89 is 9 and 7, and in 1990 they maybe anticipate 20 petitions filed. And I don't see that we can actually support a board or that this could go over to the Department of Education, part of it also, and this is part of the part that Senator Withem has taken out. They were providing information to the NSEA, the teachers' part of it to the School Boards Association and so on in ethics and standards. The first place is I'm not sure that the teachers should fund that through their money and also I'm not sure that the PPC committee should be doing that. Maybe we didn't have enough work for them to do and, as all of us, we can always find something else somewhere or someplace. And I very much support Senator Withem in this effort and I think this, again, is another...another agency or another duty that we have asked to be performed that we must again readdress what their duties are and the value of them.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Nelson. We will now go to Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, is Senator Withem...?

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Withem, he's right here, Senator.