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SENATOR WARNER: The next amendment does?

SPEAKER BAACK: I...I...

SENATOR WARNER: I'll wait for that one then.

SPEAKER BAACK: I think that Senator Chambers is talking right behind my back. I think he is going to have one that does affect that, that does affect the Lincoln situation, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Just wanted to understand the issue, I'm not...

SPEAKER BAACK: But I don't have...

SENATOR WARNER: ...not to argue. I may want to argue after I understand it, but...

SPEAKER BAACK: I do not...I do not have any amendments in there that affect the Lincoln situation.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Warner, before I get started on my remarks, if I could. Are you suggesting a new standard that we need to understand before we argue in here? (Laughter.) That will cut down on our time considerably, if we do that.

SENATOR WARNER: Good point.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. I just want to, because now the Lincoln-District 66 issues are being confused, I wanted, to the best of my ability, to make some comments that distinguish between those two situations. First of all, you have the question of open and closed that is different. The Lincoln Public Schools are closed to the option program, probably justifiably. I have no reason to disagree with whether or not they made that decision. It would appear, from what I know about it, that they've been building new buildings, expanding their staff. They don't have room to accept additional