

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Further discussion on the Withem amendment? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close. Oh, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I think I had an amendment to the Withem amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, since we are completely gutting a bill, we're going to have to put this as part of the bill first, and then amend it on. It's going to take the same number of votes, either way, but it's not even part of the bill yet.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, as I understand it, Mr. Speaker, it is an amendment, and I have a particular reason for wanting an amendment to an amendment rather than a separate amendment. Amendment to an amendment is not amendable, an amendment is.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, you are technically correct. So I think...so what we will do is we will consider...all of the ones that we are actually drafted as amendments to the amendments, since the amendment guts the bill, totally, so we will consider those in the order they were filed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the Withem amendment is by Senator Wickersham. AM2283 is what I have in front of me, Senator. (Wickersham amendment appears on page 2799 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Oh, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'll try to be brief, because I know that we need to proceed expeditiously here. The amendment is simply striking what has become known as the Lynch amendment. And if you recall, the Lynch amendment was introduced to limit the number of administrators that schools, with a census population of under 200, could have. It required you to prorate the administrators' time, if you had fewer than 200 students in your school. At the time the amendment was introduced I opposed it. I tried to point out to the body that that really did not work for some schools in the State of Nebraska. Senator Lynch pointed to the school from which I had graduated and said, for a body of 38 students we had 2 administrators. Well, it's...we