

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Schrock. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment to the Withem amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the Withem amendment. (Wesely amendment appears on page 2800 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This amendment is a very simple amendment. It provides for a study. It was language taken out of a bill that had advanced by the Education Committee, and requires that a study be done on the impacts of state aid, based on ag land valuation, and other personal property issues, and other taxation issues we're examining right now, how that might affect state aid distribution. Also, it would look at the tier issue, which has been of concern to Lincoln, and other matters related to the LB 1059, an education act that we passed recently. I don't think there's any problem with this amendment, and it would be some issues we do need to examine. So I'd ask for support for having that as one of the areas that we look at over the course of the next year.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the Wesely amendment? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. Speaker, I stand in opposition to Senator Wesely's amendment for...largely for the purposes I mentioned before. We're approaching the witching hour when a bill this size needs to get upstairs. I have no problem agreeing with the context of what Senator Wesely says that the commission should do. The bill that established the School Finance Review Commission already charges School Finance Review Commission with a review of the facts that he's mentioning. And because they're brought up here at this point, I think it's fair to say that I serve on that commission, I'll certainly take the message back that these are of major concern. But to begin this process of slowly stringing all 22 amendments that were filed on