

think we ever will. At least, I think someone said it ought to be the schools supported that way. When I suggested an amendment that shifted the cost of teachers salaries to the state budget, I didn't get any support for it. No one wants to do that. We just want to drain the state's budget back to local government and allow the local government to spend that money in addition to that which is spent, of course, and levied upon property. I think it is important to understand that Senator Withem referred to the Department of Revenue numbers, the Department of Revenue is the same institution that gave us the numbers on 773. They weren't just phony, they were out of...we couldn't use them. Absolutely couldn't use them. Somehow or other we raised hundreds of millions of dollars the next year, and we were told it came about not just as a small increase in taxes but that it came about also as an improvement in the economy, and many other factors. And, of course, in true political fashion, we spent it all and have been embarked upon that course of action ever since. I really do not know how much longer people will allow this body to function in the automated position in which we function today. I am going to have something to say about that at a little later date, but as of right now, I prefer the deliberative process. As I said earlier, one of the news people asked me why I was trying to slow down the process. Well, we all become angry when someone pulls a bill back from Final Reading for an amendment. We all become uncomfortable when someone amends a bill, and I don't like it either, because I like to see my bills move across the board in pristine fashion. The facts are that most of the time those bills need the amendments, most of the time they need the attention. Very rarely does a bill suffer on this floor from too much attention. Quite the contrary, bills that have passed that had too little attention are what have caused us immeasurable amounts of trouble. Advice, well intended, usually poorly founded, has caused us the problem we are in today, and we want, rather than to do it right, we want to cobble up the system, we want to buy some time, we want to buy off those...

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SENATOR SCHMIT: ...individuals, be they businessmen, farmers, or otherwise, who have an interest in this bill, and then, hopefully, we can slide by for another year. And, hopefully, the court will not chastise up, and, hopefully, the railroads