

of money that would be coming out of the huge sum of money that the local schools would have to pay and that everybody would go to the CIR. The more we understand about this, that's less likely to happen that the school districts that go to the CIR and are successful, or the unions that go to the CIR and are successful are usually those that can demonstrate that they're paid considerably less than their array. And that's usually a very...relatively small percentage of people. It would just be the expenditures that could be documented that go beyond the budget limitation and it should not have the major impact and is a way of resolving a conflict that we know is there in the statutes and that it needs to be done.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Morrissey. Senator Lamb. Senator Robak. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, thank you. It appears to me this is the same thing that was discussed in Education public hearings last year and maybe Senator Lynch or Senator Withem can help me out on this. But hurriedly getting my bill book, or my book, it says a district that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the State Board...it's there on page 2018, satisfaction to the State Board that as a result of an order entered into by the Commission of Industrial Relations pursuant to a section establishing rates of pay benefits the department shall compute the amount by which the increase in employee cost exceeds the district's applicable growth rate and shall allow the district to increase its general fund. Folks, that does away with one of the provisions in LB 1059. In LB 1059, it was sold to my people that it would be property tax reduction and that that would not go for additional expense of subdivisions or government. And this flies right in the face. Any school or any school district or any teacher would be very, very foolish not to go to the CIR and, in essence, then the district would be...there would be no budget limit on that particular district. And I have...I have a real problem with that. And, unless I'm wrong, maybe Senator Lynch or Senator Withem can help me. But, in essence, this does away with the lid on the school districts and...because then if any teacher that goes to the CIR and there is a settlement there, that lid means absolutely nothing. So I want the body to understand that. If I'm wrong, I stand to be corrected.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Is that a question for me?