

SENATOR NELSON: I guess if you want...if you can explain it any better than I, or it does...any teacher then would have the ability. And they would be foolish. Let's be...let's use common sense, not to go to the CIR and not settle a contract, then that school...maybe Senator Lamb, he was in on that, can help me out, then that school then could exceed the budget limit that was imposed in LB 1059. I guess my answer is yes or no. Is that correct, Senator Withem?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: No.

SENATOR NELSON: I guess maybe I have to disagree but then that's fine, that's part of the legislative process, but that's the way I read it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Lynch, would you like to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, just simply put, I appreciate the consideration of the Legislature and simply feel that this would give people the same consideration we give the buildings. And I would yield the rest of my closing time to Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the...oh, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, thank you, Senator Lynch. I just did want to respond to what Senator Nelson did indicate, with a little more explanation than the simple no answer to her question. The perception that she is leaving with people that all you have to do to get more money is just go to the CIR is totally absurd. The CIR does adjust salaries of public employees when they can't reach settlement and when they can document that they are paid considerably less than other