

I could reconsider...or make a motion to reconsider. I'm not going to speak very long on it. My thoughts are the following. I think many of the no's, I suspect, were still on the 245. My concerns are not necessarily on 245 right now, because that bill would...will pass, there's no question about that. It only needs 25. LB 245 will become law. My concerns a little bit are on Senator Wickersham's 511, which technically is in the bill. My understanding is it would be much...it would behoove the body to...to be able to institute that with the emergency clause. So, I simply would say since the bill is going to become law, with the 31 technical votes that would have been there, I would ask the body to...to allow it to pass with the emergency clause, so it can be in...in place at the time that it should be. And I'd yield whatever time I have to either Senator Withem or Senator Wickersham, otherwise we can move on. Senator Wickersham, do you need some...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I simply want to second what Senator Bernard-Stevens said. It is necessary that the bill have the emergency clause on it due to the reenactment of LB 511. That is due...that is necessary for two reasons. First, LB 511 had some appropriations in it. And, secondly, we need to ratify the acts that school districts have already undertaken pursuant to 511, expecting it to be constitutional. We cannot allow them, in my opinion, to remain in limbo. We need to ratify what they have done. We need to go on and make sure that they have a firm base to continue to make decisions. So the emergency clause is necessary for that purpose. And, yes, I will stop talking, Senator Conway.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I...I'm looking at the bill. I rise in some ambivalence about the emergency clause. As I'm reading the 245 portion of the bill, which is really the first 7 pages, there's...there's really nothing in that provision that requires the emergency clause. It appoints a commission that has six years to complete its work. And (laughter). And...and I...and so you're not really...I'm sorry. I sometimes try to be funny. I wasn't really trying to be funny then, but that does make some sense. They will have six years to complete their work, so three months probably won't make that much difference to them. So, I don't