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CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now have discussion on the bill. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Moore, would you...I guess in the series of discussion that went on briefly the last couple of minutes, would you kind of again explain your position as far as the amendment, the uncomfortableness that some people are with the bill in its present form, but what you expect to be happening on Select File, and if certain things do or don't happen, what your procedure, at least what your thought process is at this time. I yield my time to Senator Moore.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. You know, my opinion, as I said in the opening on my amendment, LB 3 in its present form I do not support and will not support certainly on Final Reading. The amendment Senator Ashford and I opened on is the amendment I support. Is there some middle ground there? At this point in time I do not know. In other words, the meeting yesterday, there was a concern about there's a variety of programs, as Senator Withem mentioned in his opening, that I think there are some legitimate questions on how the state now pays for those, where those children could be educated. And there may be, there may be some changes that could be made that make some sense that we can all agree on. Senator Withem's amendment, though I have some problems with the way it's written and I don't understand it totally, is probably the spirit of trying to find those things, and I'm not comfortable in voting for it that way. I guess my thought is it's always...if we're dealing with committee amendments and we were losing an advantage by amending the bill now, I guess I will be willing to move the bill in its original form right now. But understand that I have no intentions of voting for the bill as is in its present form. If Senator Withem and the administration can work out some middle ground I'm willing to look at that but only for the sake of time. Moving it in this form is all I'm willing to do. Several people will counsel me that's not always the wisest thing to do, but I think obviously if something is not worked out I have no problem voting on LB 3 in its entirety. I also think it would be crazy...I think the amendment...that level