

September 29, 1992 LB 3

that the Appropriations Committee recommended that we just opened on, I think we ought to get at least that out of LB 3. If we can get more from a cost-saving measure that does not do irreparable harm to any institution in the State of Nebraska, I'm willing to look at that. We're not at that point yet to have an intelligent discussion on that this evening. And so we could either bracket the bill, or move the bill. Working on a great leap of faith, I, myself, am willing to move the bill. If others are a little shy of doing that, I wouldn't blame them.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Are there other lights? Yeah, there are other lights. I guess I would...just to add to the discussion here, I think the potential impasse we are, Senator Moore is not comfortable advancing the bill as written. I'm not comfortable advancing the bill that simply adds the not pay the foster care homes but pay everybody else. I think with the understanding that I'm not going to be pushing for passage of LB 3 in its current form, by simply advancing the bill over to Select File I make that commitment at this point. I appreciate his willingness to work this through and hopefully we can spend a little time understanding this. I apologize to people, I prefer to come to the floor better prepared. I thought what we had talked about conceptually, yesterday, was going to be easier to draft and then easier to explain. But apparently it has not been as easy. And so I'm not going to ask that it be added to the bill at this point. I appreciate Senator Moore's willingness to be cooperative and simply indicate if you advance the bill forward I understand, Scott, that that's not a ploy to get us just one step closer to passage, and then try to ram it down people's throats. So thank you for that, and if anybody has any questions that I might be able to answer, I'd be happy to do so.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'll be very brief because I think we've reached a point where we're understanding each other on this bill. I originally intended to support the Moore and Ashford amendment as opposed to the Withem amendment, because while the Withem amendment has a good deal of conceptual appeal, I think there was some misunderstanding as to how exactly it would operate, and who would be affected, and which institutions might fall through the