

such terms with or without consideration as it may determine..." and go to subsection (10), "...enter into agreements which may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary with a contracting body representing respecting action to be taken by such a public body or taxing body pursuant to any other powers granted by the provision of the act." Simple question, one that could have been dealt with probably in 20 minutes if not less the other night. I would just like to know today, what the answer to the question is, for the record.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you Senator Hall. Any discussion on Senator Hall's amendment? Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Very briefly I want to explain two things. I will not lower myself to respond to the type of personal attacks I just heard. I regret them but I will not respond to them. In terms of the language on page 37, Section 26, paragraph 10, this simply gives the body in question the ability to enter into contracts. The language that may be confusing, "notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary" may appear to be a...they can do anything they want to do. What it means, is if they are working in the context of this agreement, with this bill, they have the power to enter into agreements if there is some provision of statute elsewhere in the statutes that may come into conflict with this language "notwithstanding any provision of rule or law to the contrary" does then in fact indicate that the rules that they are operating under, LB 830 do take precedence. So that is number one. Number two, I think Senator Hall, although as I indicated I didn't particularly care for his tone or his language that he is using, but we have come to expect that probably so it is one of the things that we are going to be living with. He probably did raise a fair question and maybe I did not adequately explain the rationale for the suspension motion. It had nothing to do with whose amendments we are following, it had everything to do with the timing that we are under. Again, he and Senator Chambers and any other member of the body who question whether or not we have been operating under a good system the last few days certainly do have legitimate questions to raise and I am prepared to take that criticism. As the Speaker I felt that the Legislature was faced with a challenge, the challenge was do you respond to the Micron situation or do you not. Had we not we would have received criticism from one end of the state to the other. Now that we have, and if Micron does not come here, we will continue