

training, work experience, job search, and employment. It defines education as general education development program, high school, Adult Basic Ed, English as a second language, and other education programs approved in the contract. I guess it has been very interesting for me to learn that we do not pay any tuition for any of the individuals attending college, and it's interesting to know that we will not be paying any tuition because I think those are important things, concerns for people, for myself, and in the general public. And I would ask you to adopt this amendment then because the language is unnecessary at best, and it may confuse people to saying that we will start paying for postsecondary education if this amendment is adopted. So to avoid the confusion, and to keep things then as they are, I would ask that we not adopt this language in the committee amendment and take this opportunity to strike this language from the committee amendment at this time. I think it would be a good thing to do to keep any confusion to a minimum on what exactly we are going to...what changes we are going to be making with this two-year contract that we are going to be asking people to sign, and not have anybody under the impression that we will pay for their college education under the two-year contract. So I would ask that you adopt the Witek amendment and strike this language from the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The question before the body is the adoption of the Witek amendment to the committee amendments to LB 455. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1595 of the Legislative Journal.) 7 ayes, 21 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Witek amendment fails. Is there anything further on the committee amendments?

CLERK: Yes, Ma'am. If I may, right before that, Madam President, reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointees to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing. Senator Hall would move to amend the committee amendments. (See AM1539 found on page 1565 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members.