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job, but let's find a way to fund education when 75 percent of your property tax goes to fund education. So whether you have a one percent lid or a 5 percent lid or a 6.5 percent lid, I don't think it makes a bit of difference 'cause people are going to use whatever amount that we allow them to raise. If we'd say, all right, school can have 6.5 and the county can have 5, that's what they're going to raise every year.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Let that local official, let him have a little responsibility, and if he goes up 7 percent one year, he's up for election the next year, he won't be in office. People will let him know locally. I don't think this body should be down here telling people how to run their business back in your local elected...or your local subdivisions. So whether the Withem amendment is adopted or not I think that allows county or allows schools out so you're really not accomplishing very much with this bill, so I really have mixed emotions about whether we adopt the Withem amendment or not. I'd just as soon see the whole bill go away. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I wanted to follow up earlier discussion a little bit about the whole issue of schools and whether they ought to remain as they are or be asked to spend one percent less and I handed out for you three pages that are...are rather complicated to understand but are the heart of what the School Finance Review Committee uses to evaluate 1059 and school spending every year in their report to the Governor, as required by the section of statute that Senator Withem handed out. And what I wanted to...to be able to share with you was some information that counters the arguments that are made about its mandates, its growth in special education, its...its...all these other things that are causing us to spend more. If you'll look at the first page that has the chart in the middle and is for fiscal year '93-94, the first item on that chart says "Allowable Growth, General Fund Expenditures" and "Impact on Growth". Nearly 70 percent of the impact on additional spending in the state comes strictly under what we consider the lid. It's not new or expanded federal or state programs. You'll see that's less than one percent. It's a tenth of a percent, and