

body to adopt it, please. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, members of the body, Senator Abboud...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...I've got some questions.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I'll yield.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How many disputes are there a year in what you're trying to solve between boards of education and teacher organizations? Is it a lot?

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Go ahead.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Hartnett, I don't have the exact number. Do you mean the amount of cases that go before the Commission of Industrial Relations?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, that's, yeah, how many because, you know, if...you know, I guess it's my understanding if we don't have this, this is kind of an intermediate step in there, you know, the two parties, the teacher organization, the board of education, you know, can agree on, you know, a contract, whatever it is, you know, the salary or fringe benefits and so forth. Then their only recourse was to go, you know, to reach an impasse and I don't know the time line, then it was to go to the Court of Industrial Relations and the court would make the decision. And then what you're doing is putting this kind of an intermediate step in if both parties agree, is that, with, you know, with amendment as Senator Bromm and Senator Vrtiska explained it?

SENATOR ABOUD: I don't have those numbers, Senator Hartnett. I can get those for you, though. The other issue involved in it is and probably the more poignant issue is the amount of time that the budget is...the amount of times in which a school district and an association don't come to an agreement in time to, even though the budgets have to be submitted by a particular