

continue to fund all of these government programs that you want. We can fund what we fund out of our property taxes now, we can have those discussions without our communities as to what we can afford to do and have those in our budgets, but it's not fair...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute...

SENATOR WITEK: ..to give those four select schools 125,000 dollars each of state funds when you're not doing that for every preschool in the state and if you're not going to be able to do it for everyone then I don't think you should go ahead and do it, continue to do it for these four, and I think those decisions should be made locally on whether they should be funded or not and if those senators support that then they should get active in their own communities raising funds for those schools. I would ask you to support the Witek amendment to cut out 435,000 dollars a year for early childhood education that's in the appropriations budget but is a pilot project that was supposed to end in 1993. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The question before you is the adoption of the Witek amendment to LB 392. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. There's been a request for a roll call vote in reverse order. The House is under call. Senators, please be seated. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2157-58 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 27 nays on.... Senator Robinson voting yes. 13 ayes, 27 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Witek amendment fails. I raise the call. There is a very special guest with us today. Rene Creasman is here. She is the mother-in-law of Senator Matzke, the aunt and constituent of Senator Elmer, and also has the distinction of having been the fifth grade teacher of Governor Nelson. Mrs. Creasman, will you please stand and be recognized. She is under the south balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I have other amendments. Senator Bernard-Stevens, priority motion. He would move to reconsider the vote on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens