

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. I think that we've got the situation...Senator Stuhr and Senator Withem have worked this out to do. One additional thing that it does add, it provides a mechanism, instead of 16 members on the board, which you know you could always get an even split in the voters, this will provide at least an odd number so decisions can be made. I'm sure that probably won't ever happen, but there's always that possibility. So I, at this time I would support the amendment as presented. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Stuhr, your light is on. Do you wish to speak again? No. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just to say thank you for Senator...to Senator Stuhr. And the policy concern that she brings is a valid one also, I ought to point out. Again, I mentioned before that the perspective she's talking about is one that needs to be represented on the commission. As a matter of fact, it was one of my concerns that even the individual who was appointed by the Governor to serve on this commission as the general education representative happened to be an individual who was one of the previous to becoming a superintendent, was one of the leaders of special education policy discussions in the state prior to that. So I think when we originally set up that commission the idea was it would be an individual responsible for maybe defending the turf of the rest of the school policy. So adding this additional person I think is a good policy decision and I support it. And I appreciate the fact that we're not X-ing some of my people to bring that about. So I appreciate Senator Stuhr's concern, very supportive of this amendment and thank her for her cooperation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Stuhr, just to make sure that I have the amendment down right now. On page 10 it would read, on line 6, after "one public school special education teacher" then it would say "two administrators or administrative staff members not involved in special education", then it would say "two special education administrators or administrative staff members, two parents", et cetera, et cetera.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, yes.