

call. Senators Chambers, Lynch and Elmer, the house is under call. Senator Chambers, the house is under call. Senator Withem, can we proceed? Mr. Clerk, call the roll on the Withem amendment.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2489-90 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment fails. Anything further on the McKenzie amendment?

CLERK: Nothing further on the McKenzie amendment.

SENATOR HALL: We're back to Senator McKenzie's amendment. Is there any discussion? Call is raised. Seeing none, Senator McKenzie, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Senator Hall and members of the body. I will just take this opportunity to close both on the amendment and then not speak again on advancement of the bill. I appreciate all the hard work and efforts of compromise that people have given to this very controversial piece of legislation. It's been a long time since we've addressed the problem and very little has been accomplished, but I think we all realize that if we don't do something now, it very soon could eat up everything we want to do in general education as well as other programs at the state level. Again, this is not the hard work, the hard work will take place this summer and next year into '97, when we actually look at what we're going to do to reform the entire process as well as the funding system. Again, I appreciate everyone's hard work and their patience and would ask for the adoption of the amendment and advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. You've heard the closing. Question is the adoption of the McKenzie amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator McKenzie's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Senator McKenzie's amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?