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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...on this bill as to how it will impact on my legislative district, do you have a printout on this provision?

SENATOR BOHLKE: (Laughter.) Well, no, I don't, Senator Withem, but I think it would probably have no impact. I can say that safely without a printout.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Actually, actually, I am not so sure. I guess I said that in somewhat of a joking fashion because of the comments on the last bill, but I am somewhat concerned about this and its impact on the schools in our state. This, historically, has been a very, very controversial sort of issue, but at this point, I think because the word "plan" is in it, we somehow have this feeling that all we are doing is studying. If this bill passes in this form, will the lands then be sold? Will the state...will the Board of Educational Lands and Funds not have a choice? Will the lands, in fact, be sold?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It is, yes, it's a plan for them to establish the dates, actually, for the sale of the lands, and I was wrong, Senator Withem. You do have 261 acres in your district.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, I realize I have those acres, but I think the way in which this money, and I forget, it's been a while since I've reviewed this, but this money, the sale of it goes into a permanent cash fund, and the interest of that it then apportioned out to all of the schools, and the rental also is apportioned out, and there's a convoluted formula. Yeah, on this one I can say it's convoluted and very complex and all of that as to how the rent money is distributed, and it does have an impact. It's not just if you have schools in your area do you have an impact. Why was the provision put in the bill, then, to report back to the Legislature if this plan, then, becomes self-executed?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It was to make sure they were moving along in that direction and that we liked it and could see that there was no studying it further, that the dates were being set in place, and, actually, that they were ready to implement the plan.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would there be a problem with an amendment that would indicate that the sale doesn't begin until the Legislature