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with the state investment officer, when we were working on the bill, I don't...I didn't get the feeling that it would be any problem for him to have the plan ready by that time, and so we might as well have that before us, as soon as possible, regardless of what the body decides to do with the rest of the implementation date. So I support the substituted Warner amendment, this portion, and hope that the body will as well. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. I'm sorry. Senator Klein, now you may speak.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Madam President. I wasn't going to say anything, but Senator Dierks and Senator Wesely said they didn't support the sale. Perhaps that's the right direction to take. I have had school land leases in the past. Because of my experience with the leases I believe the land should be sold or else we're going to have to overhaul the Board of Educational Lands and Funds because they don't use a very good formula for anticipating and figuring out rent. And the bonus things are...on agricultural land that's used to farm, there are bonuses. Very seldom do I see bonuses on the pasture lands that surround me. So just because of that I'm going to say that I support the sale. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Klein. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members. I have long been convinced that agricultural land is an investment for the use and of our schools is not as good a return as could be had otherwise. And for many, many reasons, including the methods used by the Educational Board of Lands and Funds, the nature of the investments, the impact it has on people who are bidding and lose homesteads and farms that they've had for generations through the tactics that are used by the Educational Board of Lands and Funds, I feel it's an absolute necessity that we go ahead with this. We've talked about it for many years. We've had bills in here since have been here, for ten years, that deal with this process. I see no need to delay farther. I would like to see this go forward and take the vote on whether we sell this land or not, take it and have the process go on and be ended as far as our legislative debate is concerned. And, with that, I strongly support the bill as amended by the Education Committee and will support the committee amendments