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end to some of this bureaucracy that we have in government. And just looking at the administrative costs of this board, and it has been mentioned before the total budget is 2.6 million. At 3 percent a year, in 15 years we would have a budget of over 4 million for this board alone. A couple other things I'd like to point out, that out of the 28 employees working there, 14 of them are making over \$40,000 a year, compared to an average of a state employee at 25,000. Another person is making \$72,000 and in the last two years or two and a half years, I should say, that amount increased to 80,000, up 11 percent. I think it's been pointed out that we would...it might be a good idea to make a change. This isn't going to be a quick change, we're talking about 15 years. I think we need to consider our having a balanced portfolio, investment portfolio, as been brought out before. I think that we have an opportunity now to possibly cut some administrative costs and also provide some tax relief for some of these counties in which there are many acres of this land. So, again, I am opposing Senator Withem's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just want to finish signing away my life on... I was approached by a representative of Beelzebub, and told that if I put my signature here then every request and wish that I had during the rest of the session will be granted. I've put my signature, now I'm going to test it. I'm in favor of Senator Withem's amendment and I was in favor of it before I made that...entered that, what some people call, unholy agreement. I think too many times, not just this Legislature, and not just state legislatures, but Congress will often enact legislation hastily in response to a temporary societal or political situation. This rush to get rid of all these lands is not wise. While you have people on this floor talking about how unwise it is to keep these lands and how so much more could be realized by selling it and investing the proceeds are not telling the farmers to sell their land and invest that money and live on the interest. They want to hold that land, they want to keep it in their family. They brag about how long it's been in the family. And when it looks like Congress is going to cut subsidies they talk about driving certain farmers at a certain level of income out of the business. And they mention what a terrible thing it