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what the amendment does is it simply says that in order for the sales to be accomplished that the Legislature has to give its approval. It's a fail-safe to make sure that we are in agreement, that we get a second look at this. I would like to comment that this has been a good debate, and I'm glad I put the amendment up, regardless of what happens to it. And I will follow it up with another amendment, again regardless of what happens to the...to this amendment. There are two messages I've heard. Number one, that we don't like the bureaucracy that manages the education lands and funds. I would point out that this bill doesn't have anything to do with that. That bureaucracy will continue to be in existence and, you know, individual farmers may not have to deal with them, if the land is sold, but that group will continue in existence. The second thing I've heard is that we should have a diversified portfolio. This bill does not provide for a diversified portfolio because, in essence, there will be no land owned any longer. We'll be switching from two-thirds of the assets in land to 0 percent in land. So this amendment, all it does is it says that they will develop the plan and they will need to bring that back to the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I yield the rest of my time to you.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers, you have a little over four minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Withem. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, land, in this instance, is...goes beyond just being a material asset, there's a symbolism involved in its being dedicated to public education. There are increasing attacks upon the very concept of public education. There are money groups who are talking about privatizing the schools because they saw a chance to make profit, and those things stumbled and have gone by the boards. But the children who were the victims of those experiments may not recover so readily. So I think there is much that we have to consider in a bill such as this. Before saying that a plan is to be drawn up by...and there will be people having an impact on it that no...these people, apparently nobody or very few people have any respect for, and that plan will be put into operation. I think this is a politically motivated bill. I believe with all the talk of property tax we're going to see a lot of bills brought so that it can appear that efforts are being made in that direction. So if there is enough political muscle behind this