

attention to the Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, and again, it's just the voices off here that I'm having difficulty hearing what I'm saying. I know that people don't have to listen, but I'd appreciate being able to hear what I'm saying. That's the three things it does, it provides for a third of the lands remaining as lands. And also, I guess, the fourth thing I ought to point out is it provides for something Senator Wickersham provided last year. It would allow the board to sell some property and reinvest that in other real estate, so it would have a better mix. That was an approach that Senator Wickersham brought to us last year. With that, I don't want to take a tremendous amount of time here. Senator Bromm, let me ask you a question.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bromm, would you respond?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm certainly not going to ask you to say whether you support or oppose this amendment, because you just had it. But the concepts that I've mentioned, are those worthy of talking about? Is it something we can have discussions on between now and Select File on this proposal?

SENATOR BROMM: Certainly, Senator Withem. Could I expand my answer just a little?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Go right ahead, please do.

SENATOR BROMM: It seems to me that the best time to evaluate your proposal is after we have the report from the school lands board, by December 1st, and the report from Rex Holsapple and the investment officer on their recommendations on investment and how to best handle the return from the funds that are realized from the sale. It won't be too late next session to do exactly what you're proposing to do. I just don't know whether what you're proposing is the best mix or not, and I don't think anybody on the floor does. So, with that comment, it's worthy of discussion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. And to respond back to what you had to say, Senator Bromm, the only concern I would have with waiting till next year is the bill, right...or it will when the committee amendments are adopted, it will say that all land will be sold. Now if we could modify that somewhat, I wouldn't have