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problems with waiting until next year. But I don't want to take a tremendous amount of time, we've had a good debate on this bill. I don't apologize for taking time on as monumental a question as this. But I will be, on Select File, assuming that there will be a Select File, I will be proposing something like this. I'd like to have some discussions with the proponents of the measure before now and then. You know, I will very steadfastly oppose if we end up with a bill that simply says we're going to sell all the land and that is what the statutes of the state say, and that's what it will say. But I will be withdrawing this, massaging it a little bit, visiting with the proponents of the bill and offering a version of this again on Select File. So I will withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR WILL: The amendment is withdrawn. Further items, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler, you're recognized on the committee amendments. Senator Schimek, do you wish to address the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Actually, I was going to rise in support of the Withem amendment, but that's been withdrawn very quickly. I guess I would like to speak to that concept though and say that although I don't think that the Withem amendment was necessarily perfect, I think that we should have some discussion about it. The reason I was going to support it is just very simple and very clear. At least it didn't say we're going to sell all the school lands. And I think if we say that in the bill then the plan will be geared to that. And I don't think that we should gear the plan to what percentage that we are going to sell, if we are going to sell. I think that we ought to leave that plan as open-ended as we can and let them come back with the recommendations. That's the way we usually do it, we let the institution come back with the recommendations and then we evaluate it. I did talk with Senator Jones a little while ago because I do feel that there...in his area, and in some other parts of the state there perhaps is too large of an aggregate of educational lands and that we do need to take a look at this, and we do need to maybe distribute the educational lands more