

to account for all the costs they've incurred in lobbying against and resisting the sale of the school lands over the last number of years. So I wanted to...I guess I drew the amendment when that thought struck me. And quite honestly, I'm not serious about the amendment. I don't want them to...I don't want them to spend their time accounting for their lobbying expenses, even though I'm offended a little bit that we have to fight so hard with another component of state government, in effect, a component that we absolutely have no control over, that we have to fight so hard with them to get them to look at doing this. But I...So I think I would be applying a double standard if I required them to account for those efforts and still resist Senator Withem's suggestion that they account for incurring ..for the expenses they incur in preparing the plan. So with that, Madam President, I would ask to withdraw the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn. We return to a discussion of the Withem amendment. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, although I support Senator Withem's amendment, I can't resist mentioning how we went forward on a big bill not too long ago where we have no plan whatsoever and we're moving right along without a plan or any idea of where we're going. So I am in the position of exercising what is called the hobgoblin of little minds, and that is consistency. I wanted a plan, with reference to 1044, which was that so called merger bill, and I want a plan here. What Senator Withem is offering is prudent. We are talking about a source of support for public education. In the same way that money raised by charitable groups should result in as much of that money going to benefit those for whom it's raised as possible and as little on administration, fund raising and other things, this resource that we're talking about should go, as much as possible, toward the public education of and for our children. I am in favor of Senator Withem's amendment. I think the bill is one of those kind which ought not be enacted into law. Earlier, Senator Bronn said that on the issue of complying with fiduciary duty he and I are going in the same direction, and that is true. But our paths diverge from that point onward because he wants this bill and I don't. I don't think it's a good idea. We have been reading about the stock market, in the last day or so, especially being so fickle and behaving in a way that is contrary. Because more jobs have been