

in this argument because he can bring up all of the past transgressions of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to support this position, and they are many. And one of those has been, and the purpose for LB 1205 being here before us, I think, is that the board has been very, very resistant from making any changes. They've also been very, very resistant from even coming forward and talking about their operations. A few years ago I remember when the...when the vogue within the Legislature was to use a provision in our rules where the Standing Committees, in addition to the Appropriations Committee, could call...could call state agencies within their jurisdiction forward in front of the committee to discuss their budget with them. We requested the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to come forth and they basically indicated to us they didn't want to. And it took several different negotiations to even get them to come forward in front of the Education Committee. They have resisted, and you're right, they've spent money and the point of Senator Bromm's amendment to my amendment was probably a valid one. The... But it is not proper for us, as a Legislature, because we're frustrated with a state agency, to do something that doesn't make good sense policywise. We still ought to have that full policy decision in front of us. I had offered this amendment as a way of discussing a little bit that this isn't free. And I guess if I were being totally honest with the body, which I guess I will be, I question whether it's going to cost them \$100,000. I know various agencies of state government, from time to time, inflate their A bills when they don't want to do something, they deflate them when it's a policy they want to carry out. I really doubt if it would cost them that much. But this is not without a cost and we do need to keep that in mind. The amendment is, whether they do this or whether they don't, probably is not all of that important. To be also blunt, I needed to make some changes in that other amendment that I was going to bring up first, so we did this to take a little time. That other amendment is up, so I'm going to ask that this amendment be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem, it is withdrawn. We return to a discussion of LB 1205. Excuse me, there are further amendments. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem, I now have...the order, Senator, AM3604, which was printed in the Journal. I understand you want to substitute for that, Senator, or am I mistaken about