

the board in agricultural real property located within the state of Nebraska". I am simply striking the word "agricultural". Some of you may recall that there is a bill on General File that deals with the issue of if you're going to have real estate as a part of your portfolio should that real estate portfolio itself be diversified. My advise to you is that it should be. And to say that we should have school land or land investment that is for the benefit of the schools in the state of Nebraska, invested solely in agricultural real estate, I do not believe is the appropriate policy. I don't have time to bring to you all of the bill that's currently on General File that would allow a diversification of the real estate portfolio to occur, but at least for today's purposes I don't think it's appropriate that if you adopt Senator Withem's amendment that we explicitly tell the people of the state of Nebraska that we think it's only agricultural real estate that we should be investing in. In fact, it would be a much more diversified portfolio that would make sense, if we're going to have that kind of an investment at all. And Senator Withem has indicated he would use part of my opening, I'll be happy to yield time to him.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I suppose that means I still have to carry on with my agreement to support this amendment, or you'll take the time back? So, thank you, Senator Wickersham. Thank you, Senator Wickersham. No, I support the amendment. I think probably...and what the affect of this amendment is, is we're not spelling out in statute that it has to be agriculture land. Originally, Senator Wickersham, as you know, I had a draft of a similar amendment that contained your bill within it, which is something I'm conceptually supportive of. I understood there were some others that weren't, so I didn't do that. But I think striking "agriculture" here makes good sense and I would probably go further and even support some other aspects of Senator Wickersham's bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem and Senator Wickersham. There are several lights on. I'll see if you want to speak on the Wickersham amendment. Chambers, Wesely, Bromm, Bohlke, Vrtiska, Jones, Cudaback, and Withem. Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely, on the... Did you want to speak on the Wickersham amendment? Senator Wesely? Senator Bromm, on the Wickersham... Senator Bohlke. Senator Vrtiska. Did you wish