

by next December we then said that would give us time next session to make any corrections that we saw, that we would see that may need to be made with whatever those recommendations would be on the sale. I see that applying also with Senator Withem's amendment on the bill as those recommendations would now be a part that would come back to us next December. Once again, we would have time to react if we saw something that we were not wanting...that it was not accomplishing. And so I do think that it strikes a compromise and recognizes some of the caution some people have given to us and given to the Education Committee. Certainly some of those on the school lands, Doc Klepping, who's been on there for years, some caution about going to selling all of the land, and I think that we need to listen to that debate and to those...to the caution from those people who have watched this work over the years and not confuse it with how we like how the leases are...how those are negotiated or what happens with that. We need to separate this issue and say, do we think that it is a better way to approach the end result by keeping a balanced portfolio but one that recognizes still the value of keeping some of that in school lands? And so, with that, I support the Withem amendment, unless Senator Bromm could convince me that we wouldn't have that same time to react to the Withem...to the bill with the Withem amendment that we would have had prior to the recommendation coming back in December. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I stand in opposition of the Withem amendment 'cause I...I think that this plan that they're bringing back is something that they should have had all the time as a plan that they could move it, because all in the past they've had the opportunity to sell the land as long as they went, but they never chose to sell any of it so this here is just kind of trying to spur them on. But if...with this here change with the amendment, it just automatically tells the ones that just renewed their 12-year leases they're safe, you know, until something else is done with the Legislature. So hopefully that we can go past this and go ahead and leave it like it is. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, in the past I