

have no problems with that being one thing considered. I would hate for that to be the driving factor that the board would consider because I still come back to the fact that the lands exist for the purpose of maximizing dollars to our education system. And if they have a choice of selling two pieces of property, one which would create a balance of land ownership and the other one would offset that balance in a way you wouldn't like, and then get the same return on it then, yes, sell the one that would create the balance. On the other hand, if to create this balance of land throughout the state you have to sell one piece of property that doesn't make much sense to sell and hang on to one that you ought to sell in order to maintain that balance, I would...my first priority would be with maximizing the return. If you can do that and create the balance, I'd be supportive of that.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. And then the second problem we have, of course, is the examples that have been made of the spending that's been done by the Educational Lands and Funds Board for salaries, trips, office space, and all of these types of things, that seems to be constitutional in nature that we have no control over. If we retain only part of this land, do we have any way that we can control those expenses that these people incur?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's a question to me. I don't know the answer to that. I would certainly work with you. I know one of the things that you're...one of the proposals on the table in front of the Program Evaluation Committee is to look at this operation of this department. And I think, I think we ought to work on that and I would agree to do that.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Withem. I have no further questions. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. There are no further lights. Senator Withem, would you like to close on your amendment?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Very briefly I would, just on this concept of the best rate of return, and I heard a...I thought when I was out in the Rotunda I heard this soft, quite, little gentle voice here coming from over here in the left side of the Chamber asking about 10 percent return on investment. And I assume that