

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further lights, Senator Withem to close on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I will close very briefly, because some people have asked for a synopsis of what was in the amendment, and apologize, we didn't have anything passed out, but it does four things. After the...after 299 sunsets, this bill is only in effect two years, this bill, this amendment would say that the LB 1059 lid that schools are currently living under would come back into place. If we don't do that, after this bill goes out of existence there would be no budgetary limitation on schools. The second thing, and probably the most sig...two, well, one of the more significant things it does is the bill now says that school districts and counties and cities and other subdivisions for next year will have a 2 percent limitation. This would allow them, would say that they will have that 2 percent limitation, but if they get a 75 vote...75 percent vote of their board, they will then go to 3 percent. The following year the bill says they will have zero percent growth. This amendment would give them the following year with a supermajority vote of their board a 1 percent. This takes special education out of the equation, and it also carries forth some of the unused budgetary authority that subdivisions may have accumulated over the years. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. The question before the body is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the committee amendments to LB 299. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Withem and Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Withem amendment is adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And my point, Madam President, is that I have been notified by Jean Kolterman (phonetic), Chairman of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, that the 12th Annual Sophomore Pilgrimage lunch that was scheduled today has been postponed. They will be setting up another date. I make this announcement. There have been letters, I think, sent to the senators who had planned on going, but for your notice, the