

things that I want them to do is to have the discussions with the people who are going to be voting on these lids, to allow them to exceed the lids, and all those things, I want them to have that in light of children. And I am not embarrassed at all to...I'm...I believe that local school boards believe that too, but I just think that we offer the weight of the Legislature to them having that discussion. And if we are willing to do the lids, I don't know why we can't be willing to say that our priority is children in light of those lids. Thank you.

PRÉSIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question, I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would request a call of the...never mind.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. Chair recognizes Senator Brown to close on her amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I guess I will just follow up on some of the remarks that I just made. I truly believe that this is a part, an essential part of having the discussion on lids, and that is the only justification, in my mind, for having lids, is engaging in the discussion with the people who are going to be voting on the local level as to what is important in our society. And for me, children are important, children's educational future is important, and I think that even though this is intent language, it is not meant to tell local subdivisions how to spend their money any more than we are telling them how much they can spend because we keep saying that we are not saying that; there's going to be a lot of latitude on the part of the local voters to make changes in how much they can spend. Well, there is going to then be a lot of latitude on the part of local voters to have a discussion about what their priorities are, and I would like