

working with...I think he's...I don't know who he's counsel for I guess. I didn't know who...he was definitely of the same opinion as Senator Wickersham, who said, no, this isn't good enough. An Attorney General's Opinion isn't good enough in these areas. Gary Clatterbuck's opinion isn't good enough. We've got to go to the Supreme Court and let the Supreme Court decide on this issue to decide the exact same thing that the Attorney General has already decided is (interruption).

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: So that's the issue here. We don't have differing opinions here. My opinion is not different than Senator Wickersham's opinion. My opinion is just saying we've done enough. We have an Attorney General's Opinion, we have the PERB Board satisfied and working on getting this issue resolved within their retirement system. And where Gary Clatterbuck comes in with his opinion is to say if we don't say that's enough, then we go to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court doesn't agree, you're going to open up a Pandora's box of lawsuits for 600 people that are going to have to go separately one after the other into the court system and fight for their pension rights. And that's why it's going to be such an expense and nobody knows how much it's going to be because it's over a million dollars is what they've estimated to have 600 people go and fight for their pension rights individually. That's what's happening here so I don't want a misunderstanding that I'm of a differing opinion that something needs to be done. I'm of a differing opinion saying something already has been done...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...something satisfactory.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body now is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.