

the Legislature be decided by what is in effect a one person court and that that one person court is selected by persons outside the purview or control of this body. Normally, and I think you admitted that normally your tendency is to want to retain legislative prerogatives that we direct these issues, that we make the decisions for ourselves. Sometimes I've chided you, I've disagreed with you. In this case, I'm going to have to take the other side of it. I believe that this is an issue to be decided by the Legislature. I have continued to be disappointed that the Attorney General did not wish to address the issue for whatever reasons. I do believe that the result of an action by the Attorney General will be an affirmation of the rights of the individuals affected. But I do not wish to leave that to the future and to uncertainty. I believe that we have an obligation to resolve the matter for those...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...noncertificated employees. I am not surprised that PERB is satisfied with the Attorney General's ruling. They are not paying anything. They have no obligations except to do as they are bid. So I am not disturbed by the fact that PERB is satisfied with the Attorney General's ruling. They aren't paying anything. They are doing as they are bid. Why wouldn't they be satisfied? I don't think that means anything in this discussion. I don't think it means anything at all.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Withem. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We're voting on ceasing debate. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CROSBY: Debate does cease. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, this amendment does not kill the bill. This amendment is attempting to be a compromise kind of amendment in a situation where I don't think any of us feel entirely comfortable about what the situation is. It's asking that the Governor and the