

to the counties. I'd appreciate it if you would support this amendment to change back from one to three, maybe fight the other issue at a different time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I have the feeling that if we don't adopt this amendment today, Senator Withem's bill will be killed because as you all know, if the press goes against it, they've got the votes here to kill it. And while Senator Withem said at least if we advance the bill, we won't save as much money as Senator Withem originally intended, but we will save the counties some money. So even though it goes against my grain to cost the counties more money to publish it three times, I'm going to vote for the amendment just so that Senator Withem's bill will advance because I think it's a good idea to try to save the counties money. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Withem, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Other than thank Senator Higgins for her remarks, I will allow you to mentally replay the tape of her comments and consider that the closing. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Withem amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Back to the bill. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, are there lights on?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No.

SENATOR WITHEM: With that, I think we explained the bill fully with the debate on the amendment. With that, I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye, vote aye, opposed vote