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off students. And I would like to prevent this kind of activity in the future. I think it's very difficult to go backwards, so we have not attempted to do that. But we need to make some sense with our school district boundaries and we need to have contiguous boundaries and we need to stop the checkerboard effect that we have had in the past. And so that's basically what LB 604 deals with. I would certainly be more than happy to answer any questions someone might have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. An amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend, AM2985, Senator. (See page 679 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Senator Schrock and I visited yesterday and I told him I would not be pursuing this amendment, and I will not be. I just wanted to explain what it is and what my intentions are on this issue, and then maybe philosophize just a touch here, and I'll probably get that done in just three or four minutes if I can. Senator Schrock is opening the statutes that deal with school district reorganization. And I think, I support what he's doing. I wish he would go a little further with it, but that's certainly his, his ability to carry through with what he wants to do. This amendment is a version of a bill that was in the Education Committee, LB 1337, which is a bill that would deal with the local county reorganization process. The Education Committee, as I understand, maybe Senator Bohlke can confirm or deny this, originally at first blush thought it was an okay bill, discussed it a little bit later on and finds that there may be a higher level of controversy than, than they had originally seen. And that's okay, I'm willing to accept that. I will not be pursuing that approach here, nor will I be pursuing that on another bill this year. But I just would like to comment on this, and I will be talking as a senator representing an urban area. In this year of property tax relief and property tax reform, I know there are a lot of people in this state that would like to see us do some major shifting in how we pay for public expenditures, would like to see us find sources of income, sales tax, income tax, other sorts of items to relieve property taxes. And that's something I've always