

battle in this state and a majority of the heat and the financial pain of that battle is being felt in my own district and it relates to nonresident tuition which I have stood up here and discussed briefly before. There seems to me to be some very dangerous parallels being drawn here by what we're trying to do with this bill and what we did with 933. Just to give you some idea of what is going on in that issue, in my district right now we had a lawsuit filed on a nonresident tuition bill which was passed, I believe it was in 1982 by this body, and it was hustled right through and sure enough the folks that sued won because they said you passed the bill too hurriedly and you didn't do it right and they won. Now there is a second part to that suit still being heard and if it actually passes it is going to cost the Class III districts in my area several millions of dollars. In the meantime it is already costing both sides thousands and thousands of dollars. In fact, I have jokingly referred to that piece of legislation as a great lawyers retirement bill. We have a lot of nice young men on both sides of that issue out there that we are really setting up for a very comfortable retirement by the fact that we hurried, apparently, a bill right through at that time or perhaps it was unintentional and people didn't realize what they were getting into, but this time this isn't unintentional. We know what we're getting into. We know the kinds of questions we're creating. We know we have all of these problems and to propose these kinds of amendments doesn't do anything except just set us up to fail and to fail the state collectively. I filed an amendment up here pretty quick to simply strike the enacting clause because I thought at one point we were at the point where we were ready to deal and ready to mediate and I'm very disappointed to say that we aren't at that point and that doesn't mean I'm not willing to keep working, but I don't see much point in just dragging a bad bill out to death and just passing it just to say we passed something. So I'm going to oppose these amendments and ask you to support me later on. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute. Senator Hoagland, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me, Mr. Speaker, simply remind the body that we're going to have an opportunity to debate this again if the bill is brought back. In other words this is the only issue we're debating now is whether to bring it