

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, just two or three things in closing. From Senator Peterson's remarks the body might be led to believe that there are no restrictions currently for schools or for cities. It is simply not true. The cities have to comply with a multitude of statutes in regard to their purchases. They are rather strict, as Senator Scofield indicated. Secondly, there may be some problems though with the city standards. There may be some problems with the school standards. What the counties did is they looked at their statutes and they decided they needed a recodification of them so they spent all of last summer working on that recodification and came forward with a bill. I think I'm going to probably not introduce a study resolution myself, but I would hope that the cities and the schools would take a look over the summer at their standards to see if there is some ways they could improve them to make them simpler and easier to understand and I think that is basically what the county bill does, but I don't think this is the mechanism to do it, by putting an amendment on in committee that includes a whole new group of individuals who weren't really included. Because, and mark my words on this, if we leave this amendment on, it is going to cause some real problems for what I think is a good bill because if we leave cities on this bill, if we leave schools on this bill, the manner in which LB 393 is now drafted is a good policy for counties, but because of some of the different purchasing procedures needed by schools and needed by cities we are going to see either a whole bunch of opposition to this bill suddenly emerge or a whole bunch of amendments which will cause it to lose its original shape. For those reasons I think the best procedure at this point would be to adopt this amendment to the committee amendments at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, should the Withem amendment to the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Withem amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Do you have another amendment, Mr. Clerk?