

an "adversarial" relationship between this body and the Governor's office. It's always been done as a taxing measure during a regular session and the Governor has always opposed that. Remember one year I believe the Governor's veto was overridden, the bill was then placed on the ballot and it was repealed through the referendum process. These have always been "adversarial" as opposed to cooperative ventures. I think our Governor has and I believe our Governor to be a very sincere individual when he tells us he desires to bring us into session and once and for all address this issue of educational financing and working together towards something that will work, working together for a tax source that will properly fund education...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...working together for a distribution source which I think will...Senator DeCamp talks about funding is the key issue. Senator Vickers and others have talked about organization is the key issue. To me distribution is as key an issue as are the other two, even more important. How are we going to distribute the limited resources that we're putting in education on the state level so that it will have the best effect for all students of the state? I think the responsible approach is to adopt this amendment, have 505 signed into law in this fashion and then come back with a cooperative effort with all of us working together for the best possible picture for education. I would urge you to vote yes on the Vickers amendment and get on with the rest of the legislation we have before us the rest of the 23 days. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Carsten, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to, for the information of the body, let you know, and Senator Beutler in particular, let you know that the invitation to attend the breakfast this morning was issued some days back before we had any idea that 505 was going to be up this morning. And I would love to, I would just love to ask Senator Beutler some questions about meetings, but I know the Chair would declare me out of order and rightfully so and I won't do it, but it would delight my heart much to just ask a few questions. But this meeting this morning was set up long before 505 was to come up this morning and it was not set up for that intent solely. It