

SENATOR LABEDZ: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Debate is ceased. Senator Lamb, would you like to close?

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Members of the body, I have noticed there is one little word that Senator Landis and others have tread over very lightly and that is "binding", the word "binding". They talk about arbitration but they kind of skip over that word which says "binding" arbitration and that is what we are talking about. You know, these school boards, these other entities, they arbitrate all the time. They do it every year. They have voluntary arbitration. We have that now. There is nothing that keeps any entity from voluntarily arbitrating their differences. But in this bill we have something new and different. We have binding arbitration. That means you have to do what some arbiter says you do. Oh, okay, the argument is made that the contract has to contain this provision, and that is true. But I can assure you that if this bill passes, there will be great pressure on schools, on every unit of subdivision, on management of any capacity to accept binding arbitration. So then once we get it in place, which surely it will in a majority of cases, then we have got something, as Senator DeCamp says, a dual system. Now, Senator Beutler says, well, that's great because we don't pay for it. We don't pay for it. What he is saying is the state doesn't pay for it. We don't pay for it directly through taxes because we don't support this arbiter from taxes but we pay for it anyway because the litigants pay the cost. So you are not getting anything for nothing. It is not going to be free. It is going to be a new system that is going to cost you money one way or another, maybe not directly through a state tax but it is going to cost you because these people don't work for free. So somebody said, that, yes, here is a person, me, that is a supporter of local control, so that is right, that's why I have this kill motion up here. With the enactment of this bill, we are going to have less local control because we are going to have...we are going to have binding arbitration, then that does take it out of the hands of the local board and so