

It is about 10 or 12 pages and I would suggest that if you would like to turn to page 6, turn to page 6 of the Withem-Morehead amendment, you will see what my amendment will do. On lines 10 through 15, I just want to reinstate the stricken language. The stricken language there says that the receiving district school board may reduce the amount that is charged for nonresident tuition below the amount calculated by the State Department of Education as long as it is still above per pupil cost, at per pupil cost or above. Now that language is being stricken under the Withem amendment and I object to that very strenuously. I think those receiving districts should have the flexibility that if they see a \$46,000 tuition charge, they should be able to say, hey, look, that formula is screwy, we should be able to use reasonableness. We should be able to reduce that to a reasonable amount. Now if the Withem amendment passes in its present form, that local receiving school district will not have any flexibility. The only amount they can charge is the amount that the State Department of Education gives them as a result of the formula. They calculate it through its complicated formula and you can see by the handout that I gave you that these numbers sometimes are not what they should be, and as I also mentioned before, if you go down to the tail end of the list, you get to some unreasonably low numbers. I didn't give you those but I have them here, they get down to less than \$1,000 per student. Well, now under...if this language is in the bill, then they can go up to per pupil cost. If you strike the language as it is in the Withem amendment, they cannot do that. Those receiving districts are stuck with whatever amount the Department of Education calculates according to the formula. The formula is not perfect. We would hope that the rest of the Withem amendment would help that formula somewhat but we don't know that it will. As I mentioned before, if my amendment passes to the Withem amendment, I am at this time prepared to support it on General File. We will then get a printout to see what it exactly does, and depending upon what the printout shows, we will either support it or not support it on Select File. I think that is reasonable because nobody in here knows exactly what it will do with the changes that are proposed in the Withem amendment. I am prepared to say that if the language on page 6 is not reinstated, then I cannot support the bill, I cannot support the amendment, and I would do what I could to see that the bill is killed because it goes exactly in the opposite direction of my original bill. It