

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of Senator Withem's and Morehead's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Withem amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem. Oh, Senator Lamb's bill, excuse me.

SENATOR LAMB: I move the bill be advanced, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to raise a question for my understanding on this bill as now amended. I think I would address the question to Senator Vickers who is the Chairman of the Education Committee and probably can come up with the answer relatively quickly, and if he can't, then somebody else can help me out. Under the current free high tuition program which is a formula program, does a local school district have any option at varying from the formula in terms of determining the charge to the sending area, Senator Vickers?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Senator Johnson, they do. That would be the language that Senator Lamb just reinserted back into the Withem amendment. That language is in the current statutes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right, that is in the current statutes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, it is.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So all we will really have then with the Withem amendment is some upgrade of the formula but we still allow local high school option determination of the rate, is that correct?

SENATOR VICKERS: Down to their per pupil costs.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And that is not any different from the