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very quickly to state that I am not comfortable with raising this budget limitation at this point, so I am probably not going to be supporting the bill. Public entities that are somewhat operated a little more in the general public's eye, school districts; cities, I understand have a \$10,000 limitation beyond which they don't have to go to bid. Senator Lynch said \$5,000 for counties. Fifty thousand dollars for an entity that spends the type of money that a power district spends, and coupled with the fact that they aren't under the public scrutiny and public visibility as much as other public bodies makes me very, very uncomfortable with this 50,000 limitation. Now perhaps, it seems like when we did the County Purchasing Act we had kind of a stair step procedure whereby the board would still have to get informal quotes and go through kind of an informal bidding process for certain sums of money and maybe we ought to be working on something like that, but at this point I'm frankly just not comfortable with the bill and am not going to be supporting it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anybody else wish to debate the motion to advance LB 45? Senator Schellpeper, do you have a closing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman, yes, I'd be willing to work with Senator Withem and try to work something out because I think this is something that we're not that far apart and once we can explain to him why it's needed and what they do with it that everything will be worked out. But I would just move for the passage of the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We'll now proceed with the motion to vote on the motion to advance LB 45. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the motion to advance LB 45. Would you please record your vote. Recognize Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I guess we're probably going to have to call, have a call of the house and I would move we have a call of the house, please, and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion has been made to place the house under call. We'll have a machine vote. Those in favor please vote yes, those opposed please vote no. Please record, Mr. Clerk.