

SPEAKER BAACK: You want to take the bill up?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch, we have your motion before us to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Lynch, do you want to address your motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR LYNCH: Withdraw.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch withdraws the motion.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: That wasn't yes I want to withdraw, it was, I said, withdraw? (Laughter.) I...I...yes. Well, we certainly wouldn't want to do anything like have an urban-rural split here and this isn't reorganization time, I guess, so since that's behind us, why I would withdraw the motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are on the bill, as amended. Is there any discussion on the bill, as amended? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we're now discussing the bill and I feel a bit of an obligation as Chair of the committee where the bill advanced to comment a little bit on the merits of the bill. I was among the majority that did vote to advance this bill to the floor. My views on selling of the school lands have been inconsistent at best because there are good arguments on both sides of the issue. In final analysis though, as we're sitting here ready to vote as to whether we wish to adopt the mandatory sale of school lands as the correct public policy for Nebraska, I think we need to pause a moment and then consider that action. The arguments in favor of selling that have gone through my mind over the years in some ways are transitory sorts of arguments, arguments of convenience, things like, well, we've always fought over the distribution of the rental money. That's always been a disputed