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expected they could pay it, but things all raised where they couldn't pay it so they default on the payments.. All I'm saying, in that case, the school district is going to have to pay it irrespective to how long it takes to pay it even though they had the best intention of the ten years or the five years or anytime.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore, did you wish to be recognized. We're speaking on the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR NORE: I would like to ask Senator Syas a question if he would yield. Now what's the whole philosophy of the limit in the first place?

SENATOR SYAS: Do you mean why there is a five years in there?

SENATOR NORE: Yes.

SENATOR SYAS: I couldn't tell you. I'm not familiar with.. in the statutes of why the five year was put in there originally. I wouldn't have the slightest idea.

SENATOR NORE: Wouldn't you think it would be for the protection of the taxpayer and the citizen?

SENATOR SYAS: I wouldn't have the slightest idea, Senator. I don't recall the statutes, at all. It's..I don't know how long it's been there. I wouldn't..I couldn't answer your question other than the fact, Senator, that when we talk about local control this leaves..this is local control contrary to what the argument has been and the fact is you are leaving the decision up to your local elected school board. But where the bill, the original bill, the five years was introduced, I don't know. I know I wasn't the introducer. It might have been on here for thirty years. I don't know.

SENATOR NORE: Well, without a doubt, our forebearers put this limit on there for a very, very good reason of which we've discussed this morning and that is to keep the..

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Senator, our forebearers went to store, went to the city on horse and wagon, too. That doesn't mean that we have to do it.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stromer. Still speaking on the Lewis amendment to LB 197.

SENATOR STROMER: I'd like to speak briefly in favor of the Lewis amendment. I think it is a reasonable compromise and I think it will accomplish some things that not now cannot be accomplished but I'd like to also respond to Senator Carpenter's closing. He said the teachers are a big pest and a bunch of nuisances. Well, it seems strange to me that we give a blank check to the teachers. We have no limitation on what school districts can fund for teachers salaries and then we turn around and when we are going to build buildings for the pupils and we put a limitation. If anything, there ought no limitation on the buildings and a limitation on the teachers. I think we've got everything backwards.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion on the Lewis amendment? Senator Lewis is closing on his amendment. Do you need the amendment read again.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, first I'd like to apologize as a teacher for being a pest but that's not the first time that has been said to me, in and out of the context of education. Secondly, in regard to the comment that you can build a ten million dollar building and pay it off in ten years, I can reasonably assure you that won't happen in our school district.