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SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please. Did Senator Schmit leave? Senator Abboud, would you like to go next?

SENATOR ABOUD: No.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I would like to ask Senator Withem a question if Senator Withem is on the floor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, would you respond, yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would, keeping in mind I am not the chief sponsor of the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: As I recall the original bill dealt with...in one of the sections it dealt with the fact that this aid, this aid to the teachers was going to occur but not to approved school districts. And I was of the understanding that this was corrected as the bill came out of committee. Is that right?

SENATOR WITHEM: As I recall, Senator Lynch, listen closely to this to make sure I'm giving the right answer, as I recall, the question of not giving money to merely approved districts as opposed to accredited districts and districts with lower than a particular mill levy, all of that referred to Phase 4 of the money, the property tax relief money which was all taken out of the bill with the committee amendments. And I'm getting a nod of the head as if that...two nods of the head as if that is the correct answer, so I assume it is.

SENATOR DIERKS: So then I can assume that this aid that would be granted through this legislation to teachers in Nebraska would go to teachers in the rural Class I districts if they are only approved.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. I have a philosophical question and maybe you can help me with this. What happens to the salaries that are paid to teachers in our private schools? I realize that this bill has no effect there but, philosophically, those teachers would also come into...in order to be in competition