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LB 338, 678, 1019, 1138, 1272

priorities, and we should have a system for funding it. What frustrates me is that education isn't right up there as the same kind of priority. We discuss, when we try and fight for high teacher pay, whether or not the teachers are doing a good job, whether or not a number of high school graduations is comparable to what they're getting as pay for teachers. But I've heard no discussions about whether or not all the money that we're putting into the roads in this state are accomplishing the best road system in the country. We hear about whether or not the teachers and what they get, in terms of pay, is correlated with the high school graduation rates. But I don't hear any discussion about the amount of money that we put into roads in terms of the pot hole graduation or elimination rate. I think we have an opportunity here to make a policy decision that establishes a stable funding...

PPRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...base for teacher pay. And I think it's a significant opportunity and would encourage you to take it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. We will now vote on the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 1272. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Bernard-Stevens. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 1482-83 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 18 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Is there anything further on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, may I read some items, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, amendments to be printed to LB 1019 by Senator Wesely; Senator Wesely has amendments to LB 1138; Senator Beutler to LB 678; Senator Rod Johnson to LB 338. (See pages 1483-1501 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, the next motion I have, with respect to LB 1272, is to indefinitely postpone the bill, that's offered by Senator Haberman. Senator Ashford would have the option to lay