

government or property taxes will be raised. Both weak and feeble arguments indeed. The money won't cost the taxpayers anything because it hasn't even been allocated to be spent. I'll bet you if you gave them \$350 million to spend, they would find a way to spend that too. The teachers are simply asking for a fair shake. Governor Orr saw through it even back in those days when the bill came before us. In any case I think we should seriously consider the effort to reestablish those funds. We should not support the reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Before we continue with debate I'd like to call your attention to the north balcony. Special guests today of Senator Haberman are nine twelfth graders from Stratton High School in Stratton, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Also, seated under the north balcony are special guests of Senator Lamb. They are from Anselmo, Nebraska, his son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Donalee Lamb and their sons, Jason and Rodney. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I feel that this bill sort of resembles 1063 in several ways. I know we had an odor problem with 1063 and I see the same thing with this bill, but I want to focus my remarks...one thing I want to say is that Senator Schrock and I will have an amendment up on Select File, depending on what happens for another source of funding the teacher salary bill, but I'd like to make a few comments on just the teachers salary bill and as you know, how we fool around with statistics. I took the top 20 schools as far as pay were concerned. Their average is \$28,000. Now that \$28,000 would have an average of...we would rank twenty-eighth in the country. Now we rank something like thirty-nine or forty, fortieth on the list. Why aren't other schools paying that money? I have a question for Senator Stevens. Is Senator Stevens around?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bernard is here, but Senator Stevens is out in the lobby.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Bernard.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: But Senator Bernard will...