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to vote for it at this time, because I think too many people are setting it up in their minds as an...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...either/or situation, and I don't like that choice. I'm going to...I'm going to focus my efforts on LB 305 this year. And if we can do this too, that's fine. But I think that's where our money needs to go this year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein, on AM1663, followed by Senators Chambers, Suttle, Engel, Foley, and Thompson. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was hoping that we'd have some discussion on LB 305 before we got to Select File on LB 543. As I indicated on the first round on the teacher salary issue, the \$5.4 million, I'm supportive of this to a point, unless I'm convinced or have been informed of a better way to focus in on the teacher issue. And I was really looking forward to the debate on LB 305. Seeing as how the direction of the debate is going this morning, I think maybe it's appropriate to talk a little bit more about LB 305 and to see whether this should be left in. And I had supported this up until this point, because I thought this was something that was...is useful in the teacher issue. We're doing that for nurses and I...to some degree. And I think that...I thought this was not a bad program. Based on discussion I'm hearing, I'd like to ask the captain of the Titanic if he would respond on LB 305, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Can you be more...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Raikes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...specific, Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Raikes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes.