

today to answer questions you might have regarding those amendments. I would also like to suggest that you, hopefully, consider this legislation independent from almost everything else you have considered so far. Every piece of legislation we consider on this floor should be an independent consideration. If we consider any legislation on this floor based on what somebody else's priorities might be, based on something that you think you might like to accomplish that this could affect, if you base your decision prematurely on what somebody may have said a couple of years ago, or yesterday, or whenever, and made up your mind, I hope that you will clear your mind, in other words, so that we can have an honest and frank discussion, and honestly understand this issue and the priority it should have in the State of Nebraska. And with that, I would respectfully ask for your attention and support, and I would then yield back to the Chair for any amendments that may be offered.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. All right, Mr. Clerk, the first amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is from Senator Lynch. (See Lynch amendment on page 1176 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I am sorry. We didn't know this was the first one out of the box. It is being passed out now. I will give it just a second to be passed. It is a one-paragraph amendment. This amendment was and is being offered as a result of discussions with the State School Board Association, among others. One of the problems most legislation has is what some people think it does or suspect that it could do, and then, legitimately, individually, you can have some problems with the legislation as a result of this. One of the concerns has been, for example, that if, in fact, the Lord willing, this bill should pass and funding should be developed, say, for 1989-90, 1990-91, maybe even for '91-92, but something should happen, something unforeseen that we are not sure of, and we could no longer continue to fund or there would be a cutback in those funds, this amendment provides that any money coming into the school district, which is, in fact, money to be spent on salaries but at the discretion of the school board maintaining their board integrity and local control, that if somehow those Phase II funds of this bill should not exist for