PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You simply want to give the money to a school board. In other words, it would be more state aid to education.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And local control is your reason for that.

SENATOR MOORE: Goal and reason for that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I have admired your consistency in the body and modeled...attempting to model my actions after your consistency on all your votes through this action so I can assume by this that later on in the session that if a vote would come up on local control on low level wastes, I would know how you would vote on that. So...but I feel that now...

SENATOR MOORE: There is no precedent there though, Senator Morrissey. We're not deviating from a precedent like we are with this, totally different issue.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I actually have the same problems with local control in providing this money and some problems with this bill, but in talking to my constituents and members of the body, the problem is changing for me. The question should not be, do we need more state aid to education right now? I think the dialogue on raising teacher salary must continue at this time. My constituents and the people I have talked to seem to feel that there is actually no need. They say our students now rate in a top percentage of those testing, so where is the proof that we need higher teacher salaries to improve education? I'm saying that is a pretty short-term outlook on everything and I would oppose this amendment because I feel we need to continue this discussion because it is...in my opinion, the state and some of the members of this body don't actually see the true question, the question of does the job of teaching pay enough to support the people that we want to teach our children? I feel the answer to that is no and I feel we must continue this discussion not on state aid to education, but on the question of teacher pay.