

about it because, as I've said, the school boards have done fine. In '86-87 the local school boards gave the second highest percentage increase in the nation. We still rank low, but they're willing and are moving ahead. As a matter of fact, in the last four years, at least this is from my district now, in the last four years those school boards have given twice the salary increase that the Nebraska Legislature has given state employees, twice the salary increase. And so if school teachers want to ignore local school boards and start negotiating with me, they'd better think about that because that school board that understands their needs may be better to negotiate than the State Legislature or Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee because that is really what you're talking about doing. I don't think you want to do that. I do not think that we want to just abandon school boards in the state. Now there has been the school consolidation issue and all those things, it doesn't make any difference. We're saying, local school board, you hire and fire the teacher, we're going to give you some extra money; it's our intent that you will get us up from 42nd, get us up from 42nd in the nation in teachers' salaries. But unless you adopt this amendment, you're just leaving the school boards all the way out and you're saying to the school boards, you make the mashed potatoes, you do all the work, we're going to give you the gravy to zest it up. I think we ought to give the ingredients to that school board to make the mashed potatoes and the gravy and the zest, make it taste good, but give them the money and the authority to address the problem and don't deviate, don't deviate from a long-standing norm in this state and sent us down the path of all 49 of us setting teacher salaries in this state. That's not something that I don't think we want to do that and that's something I don't think these teachers in the gallery want to do. With that, I ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the first part of the Moore amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.