

but not converse with each other, but see if we can't get the job done and get it done right. Education bills and teacher salary bills are not my specialty...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...paying for them is and I'd like to be a part of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just say that...I will reiterate that I am sincere. I think the question was raised here by someone behind me, you know, whether or not the people that are advocating this are sincere in their attempt or if they are trying to scuttle the bill. No, I'm not. I am sincere. I just think that, you know, I can remember very many times, and very recently, in fact, that educators have talked with me about LB 994 as an example of what this body has done in passing a piece of legislation which places some requirements upon people which mandated some things that had to be done but we did not attach the funding to it. Here is a piece of legislation which is doing some things as far as money is concerned and it goes to the educators. We need to attach the funding for visions for that to assure that this is not going to be another property tax increase. I'm telling you all, you all know it as well as I do, property taxes are excessive in this state. That is a thing that everyone hollers about in this state. We all know we're in trouble as far as property taxes in the state. We have to address up front and be up front about the fact that this is going to cost a pot of money and, regardless of whether we think this is a good thing or not, we have to be willing to be honest about the fact that the money is going to have to come from somewhere. I do not want it to be property taxes somewhere down the line about four years from now. I want to have something there right now that says this is a provision that we're providing that says, okay, if I'm going to stand up here and I'm going to say I support doing this in the name of education for the State of Nebraska, they've been wanting us to give them state aid, how do we provide for the funding? It's got to come through some revenue and to me it's got to be this. I had an amendment that I was going to put up there. Senator Schmit got his up before I did. I am sincere. I commit myself. I will support this piece of legislation if we attach the funding to it and I'll go home and stand up in front