

that is all it does. I would urge your support of the Withem amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, actually....I have to explain myself. I actually rise in support of Senator Withem's amendment to the amendment. But I will not be after that supporting the Schmit amendment once it becomes the Withem amendment, because I support Senator Withem in stripping the property tax portions of the amendment and getting it back to just teachers salaries. I think once we get to that supporters of LB 89 that want to fund this bill at the \$40 million and \$75 million level should be voting for it then, because that is what it's probably going to take to do that. But I also want to get back to some comments Senator McFarland made about chicanery and skullduggery on this bill. If he wants to talk about some reasons why some of us are upset about this, those in glass houses shouldn't throw stones is the way I look at it. I mean for one you have the NSEA. We started out with a proposal, teachers, we're going to have a proposal to give you a \$5,000 raise, that is basically what the proposal is going to be. But you go out to all...around the country, all the "Smurfville", whatever you want to call it, you go out around the country, you tell them you can do this, you tell them you can do it for free, you're not going to have to raise taxes to do it. That's one piece of misleading information that was spread out there. The second thing is that when you go out there sell under the color of two things. You sell LB 89 as one, that it raises the minimum salary up to \$18,000 in this state. That's a big deal. How can you argue against that? They don't tell you that a \$150 million price tag, only \$7 million of it only actually went to raise the minimum salary up to \$18,000. Talk about chicanery and skullduggery and misleading, that was part of it there. The second thing they did is they go and said, let's sell this as property tax relief. No, don't talk about how much money it's going to spend, let's sell them on that, because that makes sense, that sells the public, that's good politics, because it's not good politics to go out around the State of Nebraska and ask for a \$5,000 raise for teachers, unfortunately. Maybe it should or shouldn't be, but it's probably not. So I guess I raise that, if Senator McFarland wants to accuse people of trying to play games, I will accuse other entities of trying to play games with this particular bill. But, as I said, I will support