

Journal.) 19 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Warner would move to reconsider the vote on the Withem amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I took that up before the vote was started. As I was listening to the discussion a lot of things were going back through my mind. You know there is precedent for the state to provide funds for teachers salaries. Some time in the 1870's, until 1903 there was a 2 mill statewide levy that was collected that was distributed back to the common schools, as the law then stated, for payment of teachers salaries in part. And it was repealed in 1903. From written documents of those..at least one individual that was there in 1903 the reason that it was repealed was because the 2 mill levy was collected all through those years, but then when it came time to make the appropriation to dispense the 2 mill levy it was reduced each session of the Legislature, the appropriation was reduced, as the cost of state government went up. And from those documents I have read it indicated it was the political thing to do that the Legislatures and Governors at that time could go home and argue that they had not increased the state levy, which they had not, but how they had accomplished it, in part at least, was to reduce the appropriation that was collected by the 2 mills to cover other costs that they had chosen to make and still maintain the levy. So there is some precedent for Senator Schmit's concept, you see. And I don't like to earmark funds as opposed to dedicated funds, I'll throw that in. (Laughter.) But I do not like earmarked funds as a matter of principle. But by the same token when I think back of what has occurred at least once, and history tends to repeat itself whether we like it or not, the thought has occurred to me as I was listening to you all you know maybe a dedicated or an earmarked fund for this purpose maybe has some logic and limit it to the scope which Senator Withem has designated, or as Senator Schmit has his amendment as a whole. But the issue to me is beyond just, well number one let me say the one sheet I passed out would indicate, depending what assumptions you want to make, not this bill or any bill that had a like dollar amount a couple years down the