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are...basically, the state is setting the base salary and I don't think you want to do that. So, with that, I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: May I ask Senator Moore a question? Your amendment simply strikes the language in Section 5, does it?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. It renames Phase I as...the funding mechanism for Phase I is...

SENATOR ASHFORD: But the money would be required to go to teachers' salaries but it would not be required to go at any...to teachers' salaries at any level.

SENATOR MOORE: No, it would just simply say you still distribute the money under Phase I but don't have the minimum salary language in there. It strikes that out of it.

SENATOR ASHFORD: But the money would go into Phase I funding for teachers' salaries.

SENATOR MOORE: The money would go into Phase...well, it's \$7.2 million, still be distributed like that, but it does not say that \$18,000 is the minimum salary in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Where would...what would the...after...if your amendment would pass, where would the \$7.2 million go?

SENATOR MOORE: It would go where it is without the amendment but it wouldn't say that it has to be spent on that.

SENATOR ASHFORD: On what?

SENATOR MOORE: It wouldn't say that it would have to be given...it does not say that every teacher has to make \$18,000. You still distribute the money in the same fashion but you're not requiring that...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Distributed per the number of teachers...

SENATOR MOORE: Below 18,000.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...below 18,000, but the school district could