

guess, the third one is do you support the bill in any form. But those who are striving to change the bill in an attempt to find a workable solution, there seems to be two main issues. One issue is the level of funding and two is whether we ought to have Phase I, Phase II, whether we ought to have a minimum salary of 17,000, 18,000, any minimum salary at all. I am concerned because I see Senator Conway has an amendment in that area, Senator Moore, Senator Smith, Senator Coordsen, Senator Elmer, five different amendments. I don't know if any of them, other than Senator Moore's, have been published in the Journal. What I'm going to suggest is a procedure for us to follow would be to give Senator Lynch a chance on an up or down vote on his approach to change his bill today to a level of funding that he thinks is sustainable. And then we either go on to a different bill or adjourn for the day; we get together with those five senators along with the co-sponsors tomorrow morning and see if there is one alternative that can be agreed upon that we bring to the body tomorrow and if not one alternative, maybe two alternatives so we can at least simplify our procedures. I hate to take the body through another several hours of debate on whether the Coordsen approach is better than the Smith approach, which is not quite as good as the Conway approach, but infinitely superior to the Elmer approach or with Senator Moore's approach being either much better or much worse than any of those others. What I suggest we do is sustain the Chair in this motion, give Senator Lynch an up or down vote on his approach to bring the bill to a level of funding that he thinks is sustainable, let him let us know whether we agree with him or disagree with him on that issue and then spend some time off the floor attempting to see if there's something we can work out with this Phase I, Phase II approach. A lot of these ideas just kind of hit the desk today and we haven't had a chance to thoroughly digest them, at least give us a chance to do that. So my suggestion is that the Chair be sustained in this motion.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I recognize Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: A couple of points, Madam President. A couple of points, one, I would like to withdraw the challenge of the Chair. After reading the...the first time I read the amendment as it came down in the formal fashion from the bill drafter and, yes, they did strike the Lynch amendments, which I didn't even intend to do. So I will withdraw the challenge of the Chair. That was a proper legitimate, rightful decision on the Chair's part and it was my error. What I have since done is refiled it