

as to the E & R amendments because I concurred with the Lynch amendment and his desire and the numbers were there and I wanted those included and it was inadvertent that that was totally struck because I was trying to supplement the Lynch amendment. So it was improperly worded to do that and it was my fault not to have looked at it and seen that's what happened. Senator Lynch was correct in challenging me and so I will withdraw and come back with this amendment once we have gotten ourselves back to the form that we were originally in on the E & R amendments. So, with that, I withdraw this amendment and take my rightful order and place in the order of speakers.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Conway, we appreciate that. We are now back to the Senator Lynch amendment to LB 89. Senator Lynch. Oh, I'm sorry, Senator Nelson, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, I do. I originally was not going to and when I surely thought the other one was germane and if we're going to start debating the merits of the bill, I know a number of us have a number of amendments up there but I might say that I have an amendment filed that may or may not...doesn't do exactly what Senator Conway's does, he has a few more things. But I, too, have a big problem with Section 5 of the bill and I see no reason whatsoever to support those districts that have valuation up to a million dollars, over a million one in Senator Smith's district, a million two, paying one teacher \$14,000 and I go back to my taxpayers with a valuation behind a student of \$115,000, paying double the taxes and expect to pay that and I have a real problem with that minimum salary. I will give you a few figures and so on. I don't think anyone can even establish a base salary and I will tell you why a little later on in the debate. But we'll Senator Lynch his chance right now and I, too, will be addressing that minimum salary.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem, did you care to discuss the Lynch amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, speaking specifically to the Lynch amendment now which is the item under discussion, although my offer to serve in somewhat a mediating role, recognizing I'm not entirely unbiased on this subject, but I would serve in somewhat of a mediating role on this question