

ladies and gentlemen, that the people that will be going to the higher education are going to have the best qualified education available. We are going to have to assume that those going into middle school or high school or grade school or elementary, kindergarten, day cares and preschools, we have to assume that they are getting the proper things necessary to meet what we're doing in the higher education field. So what do we do for our secondary and primary ed?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We can talk about increase in state aid. Well, that will help, maybe. We can talk about changing school finance. That will help, maybe. We can talk about choice and true local control, Senator Lamb, and that might help, maybe. But in the few seconds I have, the one area that if you didn't do anything, if you did nothing at all, members of the body, and you wanted to help out junior high and high school kids so they can really get into the area of higher education and do well and be prepared, you would do what was necessary to give them the best instructor available. You would act just like industry and say, what do we need to get the best? Because I don't care if they have a chalk board, I don't care if they have the best test tube, I don't care if they have a computer, you get a top quality educator and students and magic happens, people, magic happens and they learn and they learn how to think.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And the Lynch amendment, if you do nothing at all, will begin to give the incentive to make that magic happen. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Rogers.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Lynch's amendment is bringing it down to a more reasonable level because I didn't know how we could ever sustain a \$75 million deal one year, a \$115 million for two years, and then \$75 million a year thereafter. That would take quite an increase in our sales tax or income tax or both. But I still can't support this amendment. I think that what we need to do if we want to give the teachers a little more pay increase, and I certainly want to help them a little bit, I think that we need