

Don't talk to us about local control and the integrity that goes along with it. How many of you served on county boards or city councils or school boards? How many self-serving issues did you take care of when you got money that wasn't earmarked? How many times did you give it to things that you wanted to take care of politically yourself? This bill gives money to school boards to give to teachers but they decide how it's going to be spent and who is going to get it. I want to point that out to you because it's important to remember that. As far as the politics is concerned, that's a terrible argument, who got how much money. You know, if we get started on that around here, Peyton Place hasn't seen nothing yet. I hope you just strike that from your mind and forget about it. Elroy is a classy guy. He's a little upset and I forgive him and...but that isn't the issue at all and I'm sure...hopefully, you will also put it out of your mind. But as it involves the politics of the issue on who got what money, I want to give my remaining time, Mr. President, to John Lindsay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, senators, we have heard I think the argument that come up about how much money whose gotten and what's going on. When this amendment comes up for a vote my green light will go on and yet in the primary that I ran my opponent got...one of my opponents got \$2,000 and in the general election my opponent got \$6,000. One-third of her money came from the NSEA. But I don't think that's the issue. Campaign spending is not what we're here talking about. We're talking about the youth of Nebraska. We're talking about providing the resources necessary for our children to get a decent education. We can't afford to be falling behind. We need to provide the incentives that Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about, the incentives for teachers, to get the best teachers. We've got one shot with our kids and I don't think that we should be quibbling with their futures. Let's give them what they deserve and that's the best teachers that we can get. I think that LB 89 takes a large step towards that goal. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five