

April 19, 1989

LB 89, 135, 206, 324, 381, 392, 482

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1774-75 of the Legislative Journal.) 42 ayes, 1 nays, 2 present nays, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 482 passes. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign, LB 482, LB 392, LB 381, LB 324, LB 206 and LB 135. (See page 1775 of the Legislative Journal.) Matters for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to Select File, senator priority bills, LB 89. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 89 was considered yesterday by the Legislature. At that time there were two amendments by Senator Lynch that were adopted. The first amendment I have to the bill this morning, Mr. President, is by Senator Moore. Senator, I have your amendment AM1130 found on page 1449.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scott Moore, on your amendment, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, it's one of those things where I'm probably going to sit here and talk for a while and tell you a little story about some things we talked about in the interim of last night and today. I think one thing, a few things that are important to point out that some of us, at least, have always had some problems with 89, one, because of the minimum salary language and, two, because of the sustainability of the dollar amount. And I know there were some of us back in January that said \$150 million you can do, maybe you can do 20 or 25 or something like that. And there were some of us that always said, well, it's bad policy to put in statute a minimum salary dollar amount because once you do that you have basically taken the local school board out of setting salary policy and making the State Legislature the state school board, and I think that's bad policy. But as people like myself always made those arguments, you always made it clear that, no, we're not against raising teachers' salaries and, as a matter of fact, I'm speaking for myself now, I am very concerned about beginning teachers' salaries because the fact of the matter is that I only graduated from college a few years ago myself. That is one of those things I sat there in my freshman and sophomore year in