

haven't seen that yet. I wonder if Senator Conway would answer a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway, would you respond.

SENATOR CONWAY: Certainly.

SENATOR DIERKS: You know, Senator Conway, I think I appreciate what you're doing and I wonder if you have some comment as to how much property tax relief we would realize with this amendment that you have introduced.

SENATOR CONWAY: With the amendment, as it is drafted, specifically within the confines of this bill, I don't think you're going to have any property tax relief at all. This is directed towards the specific cause of education. I have worked with and supported the property tax relief measures that are out here as separate issues and, hopefully, those will address that need, but this bill I don't see, other than possibly taking off a bit of that ongoing constant pressure for teachers' salaries that would be paid totally within the districts in terms of the future and a prospective look, but in a retrospective reduction of property taxes I mechanically and financially do not see that, no.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, I want to ask you something else, Senator Conway. During the debate on General File I asked Senator Withem this question about philosophy and how it might affect these salary increases, how they might affect salary increases that would go along with private schools. In other words, if private school teachers would have to have increases also in order to be...for the schools to be competitive, they'd have to offer these same salary increases. What would be your comments about that?

SENATOR CONWAY: I would guess that that would apply some pressure, but I think you'll find right now that most of the private schools which are typically of parochial nature are not competitive now to any great extent. In many cases they are much lower and in most cases are being staffed with people who have a commitment and a feeling towards that private education and I know the ones I'm familiar with and the boards that I've sat on in the parochial school area, we didn't pay at all a competitive salary but really relied on the commitment of those teachers as being part of that affiliate group, that religion or