

teachers to be included in this teacher enhancement bill. If we are talking about H.E.L.P., Help Education, whatever it is, Lead to Prosperity, or something, I think all of the teachers should be included in that, and that is my honest and real intent in introducing this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The list that was left on the board before lunch starts out with Senator Haberman, and Senator Lynch, yes, would you like to go? Your light is on, yes, on Senator Smith's amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr. Chairman and members, I would just simply like to stand up and oppose it. I would hope that this wouldn't be the first of a series of amendments that would, in fact, be different from what I thought would be a process that would have worked. I understand we can change our mind on occasion. However, I would hope that we wouldn't do this too often. I would also hope that you would oppose the amendment. It does, in fact, violate, as far as I am concerned, the goodwill, the intention, and the principle established in the Conway amendment, which we all agreed to. I am not sure how many times we should reconsider the same issue. We have had days, in fact, to talk about these kinds of alternatives. I would just like to suggest that we not support this. Debate as long as you want to, I guess, on this amendment and all the rest of the amendments you want to, but, hopefully, you would not permit this amendment to be successful because, in fact, it would encourage, offer incentives, to school districts to continue to underfund for teachers' salaries. So, in effect, what it does is, in fact, hurt teachers, not help, hurt teachers seriously and hurt those teachers that need help the most seriously. Don't support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, your light is on. Senator Abboud. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to ask you in good faith to oppose the Smith amendment. I want to talk a little bit about the Conway amendment and what we did, what happened when people went to the table. Keep in mind, I guess maybe comment on that going to the table, I get as frustrated as other members of the body do, and as Senator Lamb, I recognize his frustration with that concept, and he is perfectly right and legitimate in saying, hey, I wasn't in the room, I wasn't at the table, I am not part of the deal; you