

benefit of enlightening and educating our youngsters, that's the primary goal and then I looked at the vote, when the vote was tallied, a lot of these people who had convinced me to vote no by their speeches on the floor ended up voting yes for the amendment. I suspect they had the same kind of feelings that I did, and that is that generally when you are supportive of education and you know that state aid has been cut back by the Legislature in past years and you know that in comparison to other states we lag behind in our percentage of contribution for state aid to education, but it just seems to me at this time, at this place, we should not be voting for \$18 million of state aid given the current circumstances. At another time, at another place, I may very well vote in favor of increasing state aid, but at this point, it seems to me that the priority item for me is the teacher salary increase. It has been worked, and throughout this session, it has been subject to attack. It has survived all those attacks. It is not in the form that I would want it in, but LB 89 is pending, and I want to see it passed and I don't want to see it vetoed. So for that reason, I would urge Senator Lynch not to withdraw the reconsider motion. I would urge those senators who are supportive of education but who feel uneasy about their vote on the Kristensen amendment to change and to vote no this time, and maybe in the future, we can do something about increasing state aid, and I would urge that this body, then vote, as a whole, to reconsider their previous vote. We need to set some kind of restraints. We need to show a leadership at this time in setting a balanced budget that can be sent to the executive department for them to consider. I don't think that we gain anything by passing a greatly inflated budget and then allowing the executive office to make all the tough decisions. I think we need to make some of those tough decisions. This is somewhat of a tough decision for me. I will vote for the reconsideration and I will vote to oppose the Kristensen amendment that has been added. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford moves the previous question. Five hands, please? I do. Shall debate close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.