

day to get to the county seat. Well, we developed some school district boundaries probably the same way. So if you want to talk about, if you want to talk about being fair, if you want to use statistic, if you want to use numbers, and you want to talk about helping people, why do we want to help a subdivision of government with 20 million or 18 million or whatever else it might be when they are unwilling to help the taxpayers save money themselves, when they are unwilling to admit to the waste and the overlapping and the duplication. Throw another 18 million at them, that is all right. I would just as soon throw a million at them than 18 because I honestly don't think they are competent or responsible enough to treat taxpayers fairly, and you know it in your hearts just like I know it, but you will sit there and let them get away with it because you won't make the kind of decisions you have to do something about it. Scotty made a gutsy decision on his bill. Maybe we won't all want to face up to that, but that is what we are going to have to do someday. I guess that is why I get concerned when I look at the amendment and I think about LB 89. Supported that because I want it earmarked. I don't want those rascals getting a hold of it because I know it isn't going to get to the kids, and I know it is not going to get to the teachers.

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PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: I know where it is going to go. They will probably hire some more staff to help them think about numbers and figures that have nothing to do with education at all. We have to force them to do things when we think priorities are important. For that reason, I guess I will support the Withem amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please, followed by Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, thank you, Mr. President and members. I think the...excuse me, Senator Hall and Senator Schmit. No, I just...it is just that I can't think when you are talking because I am always listening to you, every word that you say for the last three years. I think that the answer, and one of the answers to this whole problem, and when I was asked, we were all asked at the beginning of the session what would you like to see happen as a State Senator, what would you think ought to be