

the teacher in this district probably called me and there was all this money there that she could have been paid. I want to make sure you also all know that I did not look at any figures or any numbers in coming up to this determination to introduce this amendment. I was strictly looking at what looked to me like an unfair issue. If it was an enhancement bill for teacher salary increases, we should include all teachers and who should receive it more than those the most lowest paid. I will lose, in Adams County, my district, \$18,142.12 as of last year's information. I don't know how much it will be on this year's because I don't have that data. There will be a gain, I did it for a few counties. Senator Wehrbein was interested yesterday to know what will happen. In Cass County, you will gain \$43,280.39. Senator Scofield, in your district, you will gain \$13,987.60 by my amendment. Douglas County will lose \$375,366.20. Again, Senator....Do we have some more information on Senator Scofield, more schools? Senator Scofield, yes, it would be...no, you have....Gordon, is that in your....Okay. Then there is also another increase in another section here, \$34,274.69 by our figures. Of course, we could be incorrect. I'm not saying these figures are down to the penny right. What I'm doing is making a point. I didn't do this to bring more money to my district. My district is going to lose, and I'll bet you they aren't going to be real happy with me about this. So the point I'm trying to make is that for me it is purely a fairness issue. I have one more thing I'd like to say. I know the comment was made that we had this understanding, when we came out of this meeting that we had, and there were four people that named...the names were named who reneged. Floor debate and floor discussion, for me, is a learning experience. I have said before I have never been able to be a member of the Education Committee. I'm the first person in here to admit that I don't have a good background in that area other than the fact that I was a teacher years ago. But what I'm trying to tell you is that floor deliberation is important to me, and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...that's where I learn a lot about what I am going to do when I vote. I would suggest, Senator Withem, that you, this very afternoon, asked for a bill to be returned that in my understanding had already gone to the Governor's office, hadn't it, because there were some changes that needed to be made. Is that what it was that we dealt with a little while ago? Didn't you ask to have a bill brought back?