

continuing to look at this issue, the issue of what is a quality teacher, how do we attract more qualified teachers. We don't need a sunset clause to do that. Again, we are not sunsetting all types of forms of education...of state aid to education. This is not a general state aid to education distribution. You'll have an opportunity, in a few minutes, to make it one, and that's Senator Nelson's amendment, which I hope we wouldn't support, but it is not, it is a categorical program. It's a program going out to enhance the money that goes to teachers. I would suggest that it's not the right thing to do to bring this to...to amend this bill at this particular point and would urge you not to do it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Somehow I feel somewhat misled, and I just can't figure out from...by who. Senator Chambers, if I had a pillow, I'd give it to you so you could settle in for that long winter's nap, and I found one, I just don't have a key to get in the door to give it to you. So I won't say I'll just take a minute, I'll probably take the whole thing, and if there is any time left, it will be a miracle. Senator Moore, I think you taught me last year, there was a bill that was up, and if I remember correctly, it was on technical, on the community colleges and we were dealing with the sunset provision that had been put into a bill and it was going to sunset that year. And the colleges were coming in and saying, we don't want that to sunset, we need to keep that property tax so we can use that property tax for our funding, and I think it was you, it may not have been, but I think it was you that kind of chuckled and you said to me as a young senator last year, there is no surer way to maintain a program than putting in a sunset. Because what happens is, when you put in a sunset, when it begins to expire, the people that wanted it in the first place will come back and simply say we need to remove the sunset and that's what we'll do, and I think we're kind of fooling ourselves here as well. I always respect what Senator Warner says and I always respect what...in fact, what any member of the body says, but I think if you put a sunset on this particular bill, we're fooling ourselves in saying that we're going to create a crisis as that as well because the lobby that is out there that would be in favor of 89 would also be in favor of 89 in removing the sunset and continuing. That option that we have on 89, Senator Moore, will be there two years from now, it will be there three years from now, it will be here 100 years from