

teachers. Only thing, it would go back under the system and the formula as we now have. Very simple, that is all it is, is move it to state aid to education and we would not have this problem that we're talking about now, sunseting the bill, or what we're going to do. And that's my simple amendment.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have voted against all the amendments, and I'm going to vote against this one, too, because I want LB 89 to stay as it is. Yesterday, when we debated the \$18 million that Senator Kristensen advanced, I voted for it because I was concerned and worried that maybe something would happen to LB 89 and I want to be sure that we do something to enhance the education in the elementary and secondary phase. Something...two things were said yesterday that I don't know who said it, that the school boards or none or the people who would benefit from the state aid would thank us for what we did. Well, I want you to know I had calls from my school board members today and the Superintendent of the Lincoln schools thanking me for that vote. And from January on I've had thank you cards, apples, all kinds of things from teachers, thanking me for sponsoring LB 89 and for staying with them all through the different debates and through the amendments and the changes. What...I'm not going to talk about figures, nor mill levies. I'm going to talk about the people who are involved in the education. The school administrators could all quit tomorrow, the custodians could go home, the cooks could stop cooking, we could get along without all of those, actually. But the students and the teachers are the two sets of people that make the schools. That is what we have the schools for. We are obligated and, of course, we want to educate our children. The teachers are the other part of that equation that make that wonderful...to me it is just such a marvelous thing in our country especially that almost everyone gets the benefit of education in some way. I was sitting here all during these debates and I sat down and wrote out names. I've named and written out a list of every teacher I've ever had. It adds up to almost 50 people, teachers have always been very important to me, and I think they are to you. I think if each one of you sat down and started with kindergarten, I'll bet you'd come up with all the names of the people that you went to school with and who were so influential in your lives. I just