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LB 89

like I said, if prior to LB 89 the school district was going to give a 5 percent increase, with the money they receive from LB 89 and the LB 89 money was equivalent to a 3 percent increase, well, let's say instead of just granting an 8 percent increase the school district would just grant a 5 percent increase and so a 3 percent of the increase came from LB 89, is that possible? I believe it is but I want you to answer the question.

SENATOR WITHEM: It's possible if that is the agreement that is reached between the local committees that are negotiating and if they can survive a comparability sort of challenge with the CIR, which I doubt if they could if they did that.

SENATOR MOORE: And the comparability thing is just...do you have any...do you have any knowledge of how it is...how the NSEA plans to instruct their folks to negotiate with this money?

SENATOR WITHEM: I do not. I have not had an interest in asking that question so I do not know.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, I have no further questions. If there is anyone that has any desire to address the subject, I would allow them some time or otherwise I will simply withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Haberman...it's up for discussion so if Senator Haberman wants to talk or whoever wants to talk, go ahead.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you had withdrawn it. Senator Haberman, you have about a minute left on Senator Moore's time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, I have a question and I guess I will ask Senator Withem, he seems to be in the driver's seat. Senator Withem, is there a penalty if the money is not used as it's supposed to be?

SENATOR WITHEM: If it...if it...I think if it is used to purchase things other than teachers' salaries, I don't know what the penalty would be other than those general penalties for misappropriating state dollars and I don't know what those