

does not perceive the money to be there because the red pens are already bought, they are sharpened and ready to go. We know there is going to be a veto, so for this body to say that you're promoting education, knowing that it's going to come back or knowing that it's going to cost us other places if it doesn't come back, to me, the body looks incredibly silly, and that makes me sad, it makes me sad. If you're going to be pro-education, do it because it will mean something. Don't do it because you know it will be all right because it won't be done anyway, or you'll put it off on somebody else. I think it makes a lot of people look silly. I want to go on the record at least attempting not to look silly. Thank you, Senator Moore, that's as close as I can come to a minute.

SPEAKER BARRETT: There is no time remaining, I'm sorry. (Laughter.) No, Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I will be quick. I think the problem that worries me is if the Governor's Office has on the desk the choice of trying to decide whether to cut teachers' salaries or to veto the state aid and they look at the price tag and one is \$20 million for the first year and one is \$9 million for the first year, the decision will be made to veto the teachers' salary and then approve the state aid and say, look, I'm in favor of education, I approved the state aid. That's my concern. Senator Moore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Well I'm glad to know that at least Senator Goodrich can vote no on this in good conscience because he is the one person that believes that the votes are going to be there. And everybody else in this room knows they are both not going to be there, but yet we continue to try and fool people and fool ourselves and postpone the inevitable as long as we possibly can. I don't like doing my job. I think our job is to send a balanced budget, to try and not just to say, yes, yes, yes, let the Governor make the spending priorities, but if you want to lie to everybody, go ahead. I'm not. I'm going to vote yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the McFarland-Moore amendment to LB 525. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.