

have opposed the bill is because I think we went too fast and too quick with it. I tried to bracket it on General File. That didn't work. But I just have problems with the rush. I understand that there have been calls made to this body today from Washington, D.C., from the President's office requesting that this bill be passed. That's pretty stiff odds. I find that when you resist you are sometimes called...branded anti-education and I don't like that, if you resist choice or option, or if you resist teachers' pay, if you just resist change, and I think that's unfortunate because I think we're here to represent...at least, I think I'm here to represent the 32,000 people I represent and I think I should be able to do that unfettered and I don't believe that's happened. I am not as angry as I was when I filed the amendment. I guess maybe time kind of takes care of some of that. Just to tell you that I'm not anti-education, Senator Chambers, you were giving us a little lesson in education here the other day and I want you to come to the microphone and give me a lesson in education. Would you do that? I want you to understand that I'm not opposed to learning something new and I have heard you say the word "strength" and "length" and you called them "strenth" and "lenth" and I was taught that that was "strength" and "length". Now, I want you to educate me and tell me that I'm wrong and that you're right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I think this is one of those where, as Shakespeare said, it's "as you like it".

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. Well, I was trying. At any rate, Senator Lynch, when he was talking about 183A, said, don't fool with "Caps" and I just wanted to repeat that. I would like to restate that opinion that I am not opposed to the choice or the option bill. I'm not going to support it because I don't think it's time. I think we should take our time on it. One other thing I would like to mention. Last night Senator Warner was talking about the state payment to...for teachers' salaries and he referred to categorical aid. To be quite truthful, that was a little education for me because I hadn't heard that expression before. I guess that I referred to this as more of a socialism type movement. But, anyway, if it's categorical aid, well, then that's what it is. I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator Hefner. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.