

point in time I wouldn't necessarily agree with the way that Senator Lynch tries to address the problem. I think there may be some better ways of doing it. I would certainly like to work with Senator Lynch and others to accomplish really the same goals without quite this method and I think as far as the \$4.5 million figure that Senator Lynch spoke of, I think that would be assuming that they didn't have any administrators. I don't know, but I think it may not be quite that much but I certainly think that Senator Lynch is certainly on the right track and though today, I guess, somewhat I could vote for the Lynch amendment to make that point, I think it would probably be the more prudent course for us to vote against the Lynch amendment, but then stand true and work with Senator Lynch and try and find a way to address this problem. That when you get into those small school districts we need to encourage for co-opting of all sorts of costs. That is from our point of view as legislators as well as trying to help out local taxpayers and patrons in those districts that truly want to find ways to keep their school operating and do so in the most cost efficient manner. I think some of the laws we have actually work against that. I think Senator Lynch has recognized that with his amendment, but I think in some ways his amendment may go too far. And so I guess I'll probably vote against the Lynch amendment but certainly if it does fail, I would certainly like to work with him and others to try and address this problem in another fashion because it is indeed a problem and it is one that is very hard for us to defend. And so for that reason I compliment Senator Lynch for bringing it forward.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before I go to the next speaker I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Dierks. We have 25 seventh and eighth grade students from the Butte Public Schools and their teacher and they are in the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Lynch, I, too, like Senator Moore think it may not be a bad idea but if we're going to have 1 administrator for 200 students, maybe we ought to limit it to 2 administrators for 400 students, and 3 administrators for 600 students, on up the ladder. I think if we're going to do something like this it should be comprehensive. My wife happens to teach at a small school. They happen to have 217 students, but there is a danger