

with some changes in our law, with some different incentives and some different things that we allow we can indeed find a better way to more efficiently operate our schools. And so with that in mind, I'd ask the body to adopt my amendment which would in effect postpone the Lynch amendment for another year while we have an opportunity to work on it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. I'll now recognize Senator Nelson followed by Senator Wickersham. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I, too, support Senator Moore's amendment. Frankly I was surprised and I was a supporter of Senator Lynch and I'll admit it, somewhat to give a message that we do need to address this problem and that there is a problem and a concern out there and when I see schools, 10, 12, 7, 8 miles and over with administrators and some maybe counting the day or so on to retirement, I have a problem in funding that, but I, too support Senator Moore's amendment. I said earlier on the floor that I thought that this was too major an issue to be amending on the floor and I'll have to admit I did not think that it would probably get put on. And I do think that the Education Committee should address it and I know that there are ramifications and the pros and cons and what it would do to certain districts and it's just not a plain cut and dried 200. So I very much support Senator Moore's. In fact, I probably would move it up another six months to give us time to study this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Moore's amendment. I do think that the Lynch amendment represents a substantial policy change and I do not believe that is one that should be made without input from the schools that might be affected or from the Department of Education having an opportunity to give us a little better understanding of the impact of this proposed amendment and legislation. I urge the adoption of the Moore amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak? Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, just to reiterate that I do support the Moore amendment. As I said before in case