

nevertheless, the biggest problem I had with LB 89 at the time was we never got anything for it. and what we got was it made teachers feel good, and that is good. We never got anything as far as accountability and educational quality. I think of Senator Rasmussen's bill we debated on the Motor Vehicle Trust Fund a couple of months ago, and it is things like that that we have to do, that if we are going to spend money on, we ought to at least have a hope of getting something for it. LB 89, I would argue, we never did. But all that being said, we can't turn back the clock necessarily. Even though you don't like it, if you...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...don't give \$20 million now, you kick the teachers in the state right in the teeth real hard and real good, and I guess having never passed that bill would have been fine with me, but at this point in time, take \$20 million away from them, even if you don't like the NSEA, and the NSEA certainly didn't buy my vote on this one. They didn't...I ran against a convicted felon who was a drug dealer and they wouldn't support me, and so I have no love for them there. But, nevertheless, Senator Withem's amendment, we finally get a step in the right direction. We say we're backing it up from 20 to 15. Whatever we do from henceforth and forevermore, we are going to talk about performance, we are going to talk about quality, and we are going to start getting something for our money. So I support Senator Withem's amendment wholeheartedly.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. You've heard the closing on the Withem amendment. We will now proceed to vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Withem amendment is adopted. Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend. Senator Conway's amendment is on page 1673 of the Journal. (See AM1268.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.