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SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schellpeper, do you care...Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, also, rise to oppose the Conway amendment. In 1989, LB 89 was sold as a way to help the low income teachers. It did not do that. The low income teacher did not receive anything. All it did is just made them feel very envious of the ones that did receive the money. The Conway amendment, two years ago, he said it will bring everybody's salary up. It did not do that. I don't think the amendment this year will do anything else either. All it is going to do is penalize the people that need the money the most. I think if we are going to help teachers, the low income, we need to help everyone of the teachers and not just the ones that are receiving the higher salaries. That's is why the Conway amendment is attempting to do the opposite of what the bill was really intended to do in 1989. So with that, I would oppose the Conway amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith, do you wish to speak to the Conway amendment. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just have to rise to say a few words. I am not going to say much. I am going to remind some of the people in here that this is an argument we had two years ago. I was the person that was trying to carry this amendment that is now presently a part of the bill that would have allowed all teachers, including those that were in rural Class I districts to be a part of this program, and was rather severely reprimanded, and was put down by some of the members of the body because I wanted to do that. And I am really pleased to see that they have come around in their thinking. So all I am going to say now is ditto to what Senator Horgan said, ditto to what Senator Lynch said, and any of the other people that are agreeing now with what I said two years ago, and telling you, Senator Conway, I have to rise to oppose your amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose the amendment of my good friend, Senator Conway. He thinks I am his mentor but I think that relationship is waning