

classroom. Number one was talking in the classroom. Number two was chewing gum. Three was making noise. Four was running in the halls. Five was getting out of line. Six was wearing improper clothes, and seven was not putting paper into wastebaskets. A more recent survey of problems facing our schools indicate that teachers are having to deal with drug problems, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape, robbery, assault, gang warfare, arson, venereal disease. Teachers today do not face the same problems that they faced two or three generations ago. Teachers today are doing a good job, and if we sunset this piece of legislation, we will have the same type of debate that we are having on this floor all morning today, where people get up with various types of statistics and say, you know, well, this proves that we are not doing a good job. You know, maybe we ought to get some statistics up here about the job parents are doing raising their children. That's where the problem is. The problem isn't in the classroom where teachers are having to take care of all these problems seven hours a day, and then they go home to families that are dysfunctional and not operating properly, and they are not properly fed and housed and clothed and cared for. This legislation is going to encourage good people...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...to go into education, to stay into education, to do a good job that they are already doing, and to tell them that the State of Nebraska recognizes it. And it is not right that we sunset this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Withem, on the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: A lot of the debate so far, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, has kind of gone on the merits of the bill. If you like the bill, vote to sunset it. If you have problems with the bill, then you ought to vote to sunset it. I'd like to take a little different tact and that is to just discuss the whole concept of sunseting legislation. What are the arguments? Senator Conway gave me a very good argument for voting to sunset the bill and that is if we don't sunset this, two years from now we're going to have to find an entirely different concept for LB 93, we'll have to do something else instead of the teacher pay bill for LB 93 two years from now. It's probably about the only good reason for sunseting this