

teacher-pay bill is a part of the package. Every state that has initiated good, solid reform has had as part of its package a...an incent...a pay package for teachers that emanates from the state, that emanates from the state, because we, at the state level, develop and implement policies that are adopted across the state. And certainly there are districts and school districts and they raise revenue and they have...there's another funding source for education and that's property tax. But we implement policies and we develop policies on a state level. And so on a state level we should have an interest in providing, as part of the package, a sum of money that will be paid to teachers. And how we disseminate that money can be changed from year to year. Senator Withem has already done it this year with an amendment and it may be changed in 1993 again. But that's absolutely no reason to retrench. Change is difficult...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...but it's no reason to retrench and to put it...that's all a sunset is, is just really, it's sort of half a loaf. We sort of like teachers or we sort of like education but we may not like education or teachers or the process of change two years from now. So I think...I think we've got to either buy into this process and buy into a new concept and a new idea of education that Senator Withem, Senator Lynch and others have brought to us and have fostered and I have listened to and not really been much of a part of except to sign onto the bill. But I really appreciate what Senator Withem has done and I think our state is far ahead of many states in the country because of it. So I...I just vehemently oppose the sunset. It's absolutely counterproductive and not in the best interests of our...of the Nebraskans, not teachers, but Nebraskans generally.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Question.

SENATOR WARNER: The question has been called for. I see five hands. I see five hands. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Requires 25 votes. Have you all voted? Clerk, record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Motion carried, debate has ceased. Senator