

challenge, take a look at their own membership and say, you know, some do a better job than others and those that do a better job should get more pay. We realize that some of those teachers may have gone an additional two years of school to get their masters or worked a few more years beyond that and we're willing to give them some additional money. But does that qualify that individual as a better teacher than one that just received his Bachelor of Arts degree and is teaching and spends that extra hour or that extra effort to really educate our youth? The concept we talked about today and the experiment of that additional \$5 million that Senator Withem added on may not come to fruition for another 10 years and that's really too bad because we'll continue to drop. And just as we've seen in per capita spending from the 1949 to the current date, we have consistently increased. We consistently put more and more money into education but yet, unfortunately, sometimes we ask for less and less accountability. We're the policymakers here and if we want to provide a pat on the back to the teachers and say you're doing a great job, then let's do a resolution. I mean, that's essentially what we're talking here, a \$20 million resolution or a \$15 million resolution saying, you know, we think you're doing a great job. And we all have good stories to talk about teachers. My gosh, myself, I...I went through high school, college, got postsecondary education, if I didn't enjoy education and some of the teachers that really molded my life, I wouldn't have done that. If I had had bad experiences, I probably would have dropped out sometime in high school, and kids have that problem. But why not reward the teachers that do an exceptional job in the classroom?

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'm going to vote to advance LB 91 today in hopes that we can make some changes on Select File because I'm hopeful that we can do a better job of educating the youth of this state. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. We'll now go to Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed to vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on