

students and our taxpayers. So we have to have some incentives in there for teachers to...for retraining and for performance and to do as they possibly can. So I do support Senator Hefner's and I think it's a logical amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Madam Chairman and members, I respectfully stand to oppose the Hefner amendment and, first of all, I'd like to apologize to Senator Hefner for the article that he did pass around and was, in fact, in the NSEA magazine. I agree with him, he never did suggest reducing the 15 million to 10. I apologize to you and I would criticize the person who edited or didn't edit this particular article. It's a true statement. Sometimes what you see isn't always what you get. First of all, we made an act in good faith on General File, as already explained adequately by Senator Withem and I think reinforced by Senator Horgan and others, that we do accept those principles regarding how this money should be spent and, in fact, on General File did that. The only thing that's changing is that Senator Hefner would like to take the 15 dollars (sic) and adjust that. You may notice the A bill for the 15 million dollars is 11,000 dollars. The reason it's 11,000 dollars is because the system is already in place. The teachers are already there. The lists of the people involved are already established. It's a matter of distributing those funds. The formula already exists. Have to point out also, respectfully, that the Senator Hefner amendment would cause us to change that. Fact, the fiscal note attached to his amendment, if it isn't before you in your books, would indicate that by changing the distribution we would have to spend, according to the Fiscal Office, 123,329 dollars more than what we're now spending to do that. It seems to me, to satisfy a principle we've already established in the bill on General File, to spend that kind of money just to change it for the money that's now available probably is not good policy. I also want to tell you that, like so many of you, I've never necessarily agreed in total with how much the Fiscal Office determines we will maybe spend, and after further discussion with them, what we'll probably really spend is more like 90,000 more the first year and 59,000 more the second year. But nevertheless, to accept the Hefner amendment means that you have to accept a much larger A bill than what now exists and you should know that. To answer some of the questions raised by Senator Nelson, I, first of all, can I ask you a question, Senator Nelson? Can you tell me the source of