

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I justified it and you took it to take it the direction you wanted to go with it.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, no, but that's what you said.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'll have more time later on, but I think that's a point we should look at. In the urban areas most of the top 20 schools were B or, most of them were A schools or B schools. Now those...we would rank twenty-eighth and probably if you took care of the cost of living, we would probably be much higher than that because one thing you never see in the NSEA figures is something factored in for the cost of living which makes a lot of difference. Another question I have. Senator Bernard-Stevens, are you here? I have another question for you, Senator Stevens. Do you think a teacher that's making \$35,000, and I know there are teachers in urban schools that make 30...do you think they should receive money from this fund...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...when. .time? Can I finish my sentence? It's a long one. Do you think they should receive as much money as a teacher that is teaching 25 or 27 students that is making 18 or \$19,000? Now I know you don't have time to answer that but I will address it the next time around. But I appreciate the answer and I think I understand that those teachers that teach the higher level courses probably should make more money. Thank you, Senator Stevens.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: May I ask Senator Wehrbein a question, Madam President, please?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Roger, just so I understand it, we were to...if we were to find another funding source for either the teacher pay bill or the Highway Trust Fund, would you consider withdrawing your amendment and doing it at a later date?