

entire picture of why 89 and 91 exist. Some people say, some senators have said to me, it's not working at the local level the way it is supposed to. Well, then do something about that. Don't say that the teachers are out there waiting with their hands out for these little increments of income. All they're trying to do is survive just like everyone else. The other thing that Senator Withem did touch on too, we're losing sight of 1272. If 1272 goes down, we're going to lose a lot of things that the Appropriations Committee worked very hard to try to fund things that we thought were worthy of being funded. We had so many bills introduced for extra things and so many requests for deficit requests and so on from agencies, so again, I'm really worried that you're just talking 1272 to death and I have a lot to lose in the original bill of 1272. There are some things in there that I think are very important to be funded. So I'm not sure how I'm going to vote on beer and pop at this stage of the game, but I wish you'd think about why we are here and why we are trying to do what we're trying to do. It's not a joke. It's very serious. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Crosby. Before I go to the next speaker I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Coordsen today. We have 50 fourth grade students from Crete, Nebraska and their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Schellpeper.

**SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment. It's just not the right thing to do, to raise liquor tax for teachers. It just doesn't even sound right. There has to be a better way to raise those funds. The federal government just raised the liquor tax this last year and I think there's about as much as what they can stand on that one liquor tax. Senator Moore, I'd like to ask you a question if I might.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Moore, would you respond, please.

**SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:** As I understand it, Senator, if you would go downstairs to the room of where they have pop and candy bars and if you buy a can of pop down there that you're paying sales tax on that pop.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Under the bill in its...no.