

you read that young lad's story, he never really had a chance. And somewhere along the line proper expenditure for education, home, other kinds of assistance might have kept that young lad out of prison. But now we will spend \$20,000 a year on himself and hundreds of others like him because at some point in time no one was able to give him the kind of guidance he needed. I'd suggest that we take a long, hard look at this, and maybe...and I agree, Senator Moore is right, decide where else we might want to take out some other expenditures, and by doing so...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...make room for this commitment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Certainly Senator Lynch brings to us the question that has been there the entire time and is properly framed at this point, and that the reason you have dedicated funds, of course, is for a very specific reason, so that you have a steady flow of money coming in. And through our other dedicated sources, that we do from time to time, they have a very good point in that it provides you stability in funding, particularly for expensive projects, whether they're earmarked for construction of buildings, whether they're earmarked for the construction of roads, or whatever. Certainly salaries fall under a different category. Senator Lynch's amendment brings home a very good point, the need for teachers to find permanent sources of funding, and that in any one year they can be whipsawed, as they were last year. As Senator Moore has spoke this year on the availability of General Funds, they may be whipsawed again this year. But I guess it brings home a very good point to me, Senator Lynch, as far as I'm concerned the teachers do need that assistance although we are not their employers, that is done by the school boards. But we certainly have some responsibility towards that assistance. And that if anything does occur, it's the need for a permanent source of funding, whether that be through lottery proceeds, which appears to be the most logical, new dedicated source of funds, or some additional revenue source that the educational department can protect, or educational system can protect, and that I think we all need to work for that. And Senator Lynch, I appreciate your bringing the amendment because it does place people in that position and brings it home once more to them how people who are