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policies, sometimes there are unintended consequences, so I would like to ask Senator Stuhr a couple of questions, if she would yield.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Could you...can you tell me what the increase has been under Rule of 85 in the number of teacher retirements that we've had?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I cannot tell you that number today, but we can try to find out, if you would like that number.

SENATOR BROWN: Do you see a relationship between...but you can see that we have had increased retirements as a result? I don't know the numbers but I do know that when the retirement, Public Employees Retirement Board came in for their hearing with the Appropriations Committee, they were asking for additional spending authority and additional funds because of the increased workload that I think is related, at least partially, to Rule of 85. Do you see that there would be any correlation between Rule of 85 and the teacher shortage that is being experienced?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I really don't in the fact that the teachers that are retiring are probably those that have been in the classroom at least 30 years, and I guess the question is, do we want those...those people to continue if they don't really have the love and the commitment to the students that they began with 30 years prior? So I think each individual case is certainly an individual situation and an individual decision.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, I appreciate what you're saying because you're making a strong argument, I think, about some of the issues that we have to look at from a subjective point of view in terms of what...how we best encourage quality, and then you're saying that those individuals may be suffering from burnout and...but I'm...and I would argue that we have statistical data about that kids perform...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.