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Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Thompson. Further debate on the Thompson amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1399? Senator Thompson, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Again, these are amendments that just clean up the committee amendment which we'll have ample time, I hope, to debate this morning and just urge their adoption. They were largely from the committee counsel's recommendations and the Department of Education's recommendations.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. The question is the adoption of AM2857 to the committee amendments to LB 1399. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Thompson's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, AM2840. (Legislative Journal page 1064.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on AM2840.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. AM2840 simply brings the perspective of a former teacher, perhaps, who left the profession for another career preceding appointment to the task force. And I think it's important that we bring in this perspective because I believe that not only are fewer people entering the college, entering college expecting to be teachers after they graduate, but it's those who are leaving the profession for various reasons, whether it's pay, whether it's working conditions, calendar issues, whatever the case may be. I believe that this perspective is needed on that...on that body. What this does is it takes instead of adding a new member to that, it simply allows, and I emphasize allows and enables