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significant financial benefits to a small...a small proportion of the state's teaching staff?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Engel, on the Thompson amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, as far as Senator Thompson, we do have one teacher in South Sioux City, Nebraska, who has achieved this award; he's a science teacher and he's been in our system maybe 20, 25 years. And it is quite an endeavor to get that award, it really is. And he...and I think, in fact I know that the students that he has taught, as they've gone on to college, have...the transition has been very, very smooth because they are totally prepared because he was such a good teacher. In fact, my youngest son who is an electrical engineer, was taught by him, and he came down here and it was very, very easy for him to continue on. So I do believe that this particular award, even though all teachers probably will not qualify, that those...the best of the teachers will, and I think it will be really a great incentive for those other teachers who might be able to achieve this award to go for it, because if there is some type of stipend here where they can look forward to and be rewarded for their efforts. So I think it is a very, very good program. And like I say, we do have one on board now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Thompson, there are no further lights. Did you wish to close? Senator Thompson waives closing. The question before the body is, shall FA327 to the committee amendments to LB 1399 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Thompson's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Thompson amendment to LB 1399 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.