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SENATOR CHAMBERS: This...this portion, this sev...the area that...this Master Teacher Program.

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, because I would hope that I stated that we would have these Master Teachers in the Class V schools and in the schools with which you are concerned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bohlke, during the time that they were trying to push that bond issue and studies were undertaken to see where the poorest trained teachers were, those who had the fewer, the fewest advanced degrees, meaning a master's, the least experience were in our schools, concentrated in our schools. And what can...who's going to do anything to change it? Nobody. Now that the schools have resegregated, there is no incentive. And I'm supposed to support bills like this that might benefit some of those racist teachers in Omaha who supported that bond issue, and they're going to be rewarded to the tune of \$7,500 a year more than any of those teachers who may have been struggling along, trying to do the right thing. And that's what this program can do, although that's not your intent, but it could have that unintended consequence, couldn't it?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Chambers, I suppose it could. But, if you don't do this, then you've eliminated the possibility of those teachers being in those very schools.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they have never shown an inclination to be in those schools and the administration has never shown any inclination to distribute teachers based on the needs of the students, why should I think that a program like this is going to cause them to do what they haven't done in the whole time they've been in existence? This program does not have any requirement of that kind.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Chambers, the teachers that I know that I consider Master Teachers are the very teachers who I think would and want and do often, I know not to the numbers that you would like, but choose to teach in areas that...the schools that you're talking about, and in fact the loan forgiveness, that we're going to get later in the bill, gives a two for one, if