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Committee amendment at \$7,500. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Tyson, on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Commenting on the Chambers amendment, which I intend to vote for, I would mention that Senator Chambers is being very generous with the state money as compared to other states. I happened to see in some literature that someone loaned me that the state of Ohio, surely a more populous and wealthier state than Nebraska, their teacher certification amount is \$2,500 and the city of Cleveland I understand, if the Master Teacher lives in Cleveland, teaches in the Cleveland school, they get \$1,000. But the state of Ohio, wealthy state that they are, it's \$2,500. So I would point out that Senator Chambers is being very, very generous with the state money. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Tyson, once more you've provoked me into speaking. You know, I just happened to take home a copy of State Government last night and I don't know if you've all had the chance to read the article in here, it says "Desperately Seeking Teachers." That's the name of the article, and it talks about what a number of states are doing and, believe me, Senator Tyson, ours is small scale compared to some of these states. Now, some of the states are bigger than we are, but some also have a lot more teachers that they would have to compensate. But, for instance, in California this...this was a proposal that the Governor made out there. He proposed that students who agree to teach in a school that ranks in the bottom 50 percent will be eligible for \$11,000 in forgivable college loans. In addition, the Governor proposed home loans of up to \$10,000 for credentialed teachers, which would be forgiven after five years of teaching service. The best new teachers would be eligible for \$20,000 fellowships and \$30,000 home loans. Davis also wants to allow retired teachers to keep their pension and return to the classrooms. Now I don't have any idea what the legislative body has done with that, but it goes on to say that other states that recently have implemented scholarships or