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getting, and that's kind of a way...that's certainly not a way to attract young men and women to go into the career of education when they are below or almost in the poverty level of earnings. So I'd hope that this amendment can be attached and will, in fact, provide another incentive for the very important work that our educational, people in the educational field do for our young people. With that, thank you, Senator Schimek and Senator Bohike, and I will certainly stand in support of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to rise in the hope that another voice would...I'm concerned about this is the kind of end of the week distraction that comes upon us. I think this is an extraordinary opportunity. I am very grateful that Senator Schimek and others have brought it before us. This is an opportunity for \$20,000 to generate \$2.6 million. It's an opportunity to touch 500 teachers' lives to the extent of \$10,000 each. It's that simple. It's that extraordinary. I hope we seize the moment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, rise in support of this amendment. I think we were all very excited when Senator Schimek brought it as a hearing the other day. I...I have a couple of questions that I would like to address to Senator Schimek. Is there a date or a length of the program when...does it have a sunset date or...?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Am I on? Yes. No, it does not have a sunset date, and part of the reason is that we don't know how long the program might go on. As I indicated in my opening remarks, we're pretty assured of the 500 grants but there could be additional ones. The sunseting is kind of covered by the language in the A bill which, you know, says that this \$20,000 can only be used for this purpose. So if those federal funds