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of this state is by saying we will help you with your college expenses. We will ensure that you are not staggering under a very large college debt. We will forgive this money if you decide to go into teaching and you stay there. It's not very much money that we're talking about in the grand and glorious scheme of things today. Four hundred thousand dollars will not go nearly far enough to encourage the number of young people to go into teaching and to graduate from college in teaching and to out into school districts and teach. A point that Senator Thompson made that I would like to also make sure that everybody notices, we're not talking about just doing this for public school teachers, but this is also to encourage young people to teach wherever they might have an interest and that includes teaching in the parochial schools. And we know the parochial schools cannot pay the kinds of salaries that even the public schools can pay. I know because I taught at Gross High School. And even though they were the highest paying parochial high school in Omaha, it was considerably less than what OPS paid. We need to make sure that people who want to go into teaching can do it, and providing them with loan forgiveness is an important part of that. And I will yield back the rest of my time to Senator Thompson.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. This veto override motion is to draw attention to the fact that our children in our schools should have the opportunities to have high quality teaching and to be able to take the subjects that are important to their education. There are school districts that don't offer these subjects because of the shortage problem. There are people who aren't able to even go into the teaching profession because of the loan debt as Senator Kiel pointed out. When you have a student loan to pay back and you have the teacher salaries that we have, it's a problem. Both of these programs that you passed in this session have been worked through by this body. They are there. They came from the education community, the teacher training community, the public schools, the parochial schools. They did a good job in putting these bills together, and I'm pleased that the body recognized that and passed them.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.