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further lights on. Senator Quandahl, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments, if you care to. Senator Quandahl waives that opportunity. The question before the body is, shall committee amendments be adopted to LB 85? All in favor of those vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion of the bill, itself. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Landis, if I could continue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, will you respond?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR PREISTER: Part of my point is, and I received the letter that you talked about and that everyone else received, too, is that the problem is systemwide, and we have various areas where we have problems. It's not an easy one to resolve in many of these areas. I agree that the position of the union is going to be to raise everyone's salary equally. My concern is that this specific one didn't have an effort, as I understand it, as we have got limited information, to try to address this specific problem. And that it appears, from what you read, it sounds like the union was the fault. I am in a position where I don't want to blame or lay fault in either...

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...case, and I don't think you did,...

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.