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loans, is there in language somewhere that they have to teach a minimum number of years? When I was going to school, just, you know, five or six years ago, there was...I had a loan that said if I would go into teaching, for every year that I taught there would be a certain percentage that would be forgiven. Is that language or something similar to that anywhere? What I'm getting at is I do not want this money to go into the Attracting Excellence to Teachers (sic) Program; they go to school, have a whole bunch of loans, they teach one year and their loans are forgiven, and then they go into private industry.

SENATOR RAIKES: There is, Senator, a requirement that has to be met, and I think Senator Thompson described that, but I think it would clearly outline...or outlaw or...disqualify, is a better way, the situation that you just described where someone gets a education paid for, teaches a very short period of time, and then quits and doesn't pay the loan back.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay. To my knowledge, we don't have a similar program for engineers, for example, or for accountants or for someone who wants to go into another profession. I understand why you're wanting to do this. We want to get the best teachers that we can into the areas where they are needed. But even so, I agree with Senator Fischer that this money to pay these programs then are going to take money away from the distance education and so I think that I will not be supporting this amendment. But I appreciate your answers to my questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Further discussion? Senator Louden, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Would Senator Thompson yield to questions, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, are you available? Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes. When you talk about this teacher