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SENATOR WITEK: Okay. Well, I thought this was a bad enough amendment when I first heard it. But that, to me, saying that you're going to bump teachers, boy, I could see why there's some bad feelings, you know. Senator Dierks and Senator Coordsen say there are some bad feelings in some of these areas that have consolidated, if that's what's been happening. I haven't heard from them because I represent an Omaha district. But to me, if you're going to say to a receiving district, this is what I thought the amendment did before I realized you could bump, but anyway, if you're going to be a receiving district and you're going to tell the receiving district, you have to make a decision on which teachers to hire, and when they hire a teacher of say 15 years experience they have to pay them the...however, 38,000, or whatever amount that they're making when they take them into the district. And I'm thinking, what if the teacher wants to teach in a school closer to home, or one of these other districts, or have that choice of where they want to teach...

SENATOR WESELY One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...and the district, receiving district says, well, we'll take you in, but we're going to have to lower your salary to fit into our budget. And now we're taking that opportunity for that teacher, to say yes to that deal, away from them by requiring that their salary can't go down at all. So, to me what you're doing is you're killing them with kindness by forcing...these schools aren't going to make a decision to hire a 15-year teacher when they could hire the teachers with less time in that costs them less money. So you're putting them out in the cold, the 15-year teachers, as far as I'm concerned, because the decision of the school district is going to be we're going to take the less expensive teacher so we can stay under the \$1.10 levy limit with our budget. So if you're not going to give them any leeway on salary and some of these other budget issues, then you're putting those teachers, who have those higher salaries, out of a job. And in many cases you're telling them where they can and can't work.

SENATOR WESELY: Time. Thank you, Senator Witek. Before we go on to the next speaker, anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. Enrollment and Review