

principle I am talking on only. If aid funds are the principal place where state money is to go, and I have supported a lot of them, then we better take a good close look at what we are doing. General operation of state government has no lobbyist and I know that. We all know that. Our education does but the general operations has no lobbyists. All local governments have lobbyists galore, pressure groups, organizations, and at some point the point has to be made and I am choosing to make it here and put myself on record that if we cannot accomplish only \$3,000,000 out of a \$650 and it will now be with the Governor's veto even on 1002 with \$20,000,000 additional state aid, over \$650,000,000, if we cannot accommodate the salaries for state employees to be at a level compatible, not competitive, compatible with like positions, then I say neither will I support any additional aid to local government and I am a strong, strong believer in property tax relief but there is a point beyond which you cannot go as an individual and I have reached that point and for that reason and that reason alone, because I do support and did support the exemption of personal property, based on the inequity that it was inherited in that system but I am not going to stand and be on record as I am till now of voting for 882 to put a higher priority on available funds in the future in an amount annually in excess to what this body refused to appropriate for compatible salaries for the state employees. I am not going to let myself remain on record of having that as a priority. I do not intend to argue the issue at length. I merely want to be able to make one vote to indicate that I believe that I made a mistake the first time I voted for LB 882's passage on that basis and that basis alone and believe me, I will not support, I will not support any attempt for reconsideration on the state salary employees and I say that because I am not going to be accused of making this motion on that kind of a basis because that is absolutely, is not my purpose. It is to establish and for each of us to think about for ourselves where, what is the priority of a state legislator for their operation of state government because you have many state agencies that the only interest group that exists are the forty-nine members of this body. There is no one else as an organized group. Mr. President, that is all I have to say. I would appreciate a quick vote.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise of course in opposition to Senator Warner's motion and if the general operation of state government has no lobbyist then those dozens and dozens of phone calls, many of them