

watch that budget that they do now. I don't think we want to change that, but to get at the problem Senator Johnson and others have raised, there are other alternatives, teacher salaries are too low in this state. We have had proposals from the Governor and others to go through a straight direct assistance to teachers salaries through an incentive program to help those people have higher salaries. I can live with that and I support that. That is a way to help the situation in a positive fashion. If you're concerned about tax relief as an entity, as an item that needs to be addressed, there are other alternatives and the one I support is the homestead exemption. I think that is a fair way to provide tax relief for people. I see other ways to approach the problem better than the ones being addressed in this bill but I understand the concerns of those that support the bill that they want to pass in its present form. I understand the concerns of those who oppose the bill. Their hope is that it is passed in the present form and maybe the Governor will veto it. So both sides on this issue have a lot to gain from passing it in its present form. If I get more than my own vote on this, I will be happy but I, for one, am going to have a clear conscience and feel a lot better about having made this motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on the Wesely motion...the Wesely amendment...the motion to return the bill to Select File for the specific amendment that is being explained. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. What else is on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to return 662 to Select File for specific amendment, that motion being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, to my knowledge, there are no other amendments up there and my purpose in