

Legislature, I don't have a great deal to say on this issue. I listened to Senator Johnson, contrary to what he may have thought about those of us who were not here. And I heartily agree with the position that he took and the rationale that he gave for taking it. So I also intend to vote against this proposition. If it is attached I will vote against the bill. If the bill, in this form, makes it to the Governor's desk I hope he will exercise that responsible judgement and veto it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, it is not often that I find myself on the side of my friend, Senator Wesely, Senator Johnson and Senator Chambers. However, I find myself in that situation today and rightly so I think. You know a few days ago some of the people out behind the glass were telling us that the Rule of 90 was the thing. That was the way to go, the Rule of 90 would save the school districts huge amounts of money. So I voted for that. And now I have all of these letters from the teachers saying, hey, you are a great guy, you voted for that, and we hope you continue. So now I have the problem of composing another letter which lets them down a bit I suppose. But the reason that I have to take a second look at this is the fact that it is expensive as Senator Vard Johnson has explained. It is expensive. Down the road you are going to be paying for it. There is no way that you can, in this society, have a lot of people retiring early and saying that it is going to help society in the long run. It is just not going to happen. This is going to be expensive for the schools, and we might point out that the administrators have a big influence over school boards. As I understand it the administrators are in this bill. This affects them. So you see it is kind of a mixed bag as to where it is coming from. So it is difficult to vote against the Wesely amendment now that it has been amended. But I'm going to do that because I think that is the way to go. It is too expensive and the bill, in its original form then, will not pass. So I would urge all of you people who think this is too expensive to vote against the Wesely amendment, although it is less expensive than the original bill, and then we'll go from there.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, please, then Senator Hall.