

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I gave Senator Hall part of my time to deflate my arguments. But the fact of the matter is we are not at that point. We are dealing with the situation at hand. The situation at hand is 288 is dead, 1.9 is in this bill, and state aid to education, in total, receives about a \$2 million increase the way we are doing this right now. Now, we've been putting money in, we've been putting money in, we've been putting money in, and I'm giving you a chance to take some money out, which I think is very fair to take out. Now, Senator Wehrbein made a good point, made a good point in the fact that if you're going to spend \$1.9 million I think probably there is more of an acute need to spend the money on faculty salaries, I think, if that is where you want to spend the money. Now Senator Smith talked about property tax relief, you know, \$2 million. If you want to bring property.... This \$1.9 million, like I said before, is like throwing a deck chair off the Queen Mary when you're talking about property tax relief. It is very insignificant, it is very insignificant. But it is very...this \$1.9 million is very significant on the impact that it has on the bills on Final Reading, it is very significant. And this 1.9, let's round it off to \$2 million, can buy you some bills on Final Reading, can buy you some bills that stand for the future, some bills that are good bills that will allow us to spend money on some things that I think we have to spend money on to be competitive. You know, maybe it will buy us the \$370,000 in 784 for industrial development advertising. You know, \$374,000 compared to a \$2 million budget in Kansas. Maybe it will buy us heart and liver transplants. Maybe it will buy us on down the line what it could buy us on the A bills on Final Reading. The simple fact of the matter is right now, today, state aid to education gets about \$2 million more than they are going to receive this year when we killed 288. So, with that, I simply ask for the body to buy us some of these bills on Final Reading and to buy us some very worthwhile provisions contained in 784 by returning this bill to Select File and stripping out the \$1.9 million.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The question is, shall the bill be returned to Select File? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.