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LB 94, 1290

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Last year there was an amendment prepared for LB 94 which I understand would have had that effect. We would have stopped using year old data and gone to the prior year's data so as we were calculating '95 aid we would have used '94 values. I think we've been advised that it is possible to do that. So I take it, by your remarks, then you would be supportive of an amendment to LB 1290 incorporating those provisions and they're in AM1259 to LB 94 and enabling us to, hopefully, use the 1994 values. And then would it be appropriate to have a delay?

SENATOR MOORE: No.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But would you support incorporating the amendment from LB 94 so that we used '94 values to calculate state aid in 1995?

SENATOR MOORE: I would be supportive of getting better data, implementing that into the state aid formula as soon as possible. But I am not will...I don't think you need to wait, you know, I don't think you need to wait till you got Bo Derek walking in as a perfect ten to do it. I think you can do it right now.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right. Well, Senator Moore, I would be delighted to see Bo Derek again. It's been a long time since I saw that movie. But...and I don't think the passage of time has dimmed my memory of that, but I'm...excuse me, no. But I agree with you that we will never have perfect numbers to use for state aid purposes, nor, of course, do I believe that we will ever have perfect numbers to use for regular assessment practices. Those are desirable objectives. I think that all of us realistically would have to admit that they will never be perfect numbers. They will never be numbers that are not subject to question or by challenge by someone on some basis. But I do believe that by delaying one year we will have better data and in addition we will have a better process for the development of that data and that makes it worthwhile to wait. Senator Withem characterized comments by an attorney for the Department of Revenue. I did not happen to be there to hear those remarks so I can't necessarily dispute his characterization. And while I don't wish to question the legal ability of the person noted,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

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