

wonder whether I need to study it for another year because we have been doing it for the last 25 years, why do we need to study it one more year. The fact of the matter is there are two segments on this finance commission as there is on anything. There is a certain segment that the definition of property tax relief is increased funding for education and then there is the segment that defines property tax relief as dollar for dollar property tax relief and at some time those two facts just have to go to war and fight it out, and I understand this commission, we're making some great headway, particularly on the local income tax, adopting some sort of version of the Kansas plan, and even though I guess I, personally, wish we could do something this year, I understand why that can't be done. And, as you see, I am now a co-sponsor of this bill and encourage the body to advance it and extend for one year, and for one year only, the life of the School Finance Review Commission.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. First of all, I would like to say I'm glad Senator Moore has enjoyed his work with the commission. We'll take a vote at the next meeting to see if the feeling is mutual or not but I assume that it is. That's a good comment, Scott, and just wanted to reflect again...and I think Senator Moore's statements did accentuate this point, this is not a commission that wants to continue in existence forever. It was a fairly lively debate as to whether we should ask for this extension or not. Those who felt that if we come in with a proposal that is not thoroughly researched and thoroughly worked out, we would be better...we will be in trouble, that it won't pass and this issue is so important to the state that we get it resolved effectively, that we should at least assure that we have the additional time. It is still our desire, still the desire of a lot of people on this commission that we will work through a proposal and bring it to the Legislature this year, maybe not for passage this year but at least bring a final proposal to the Legislature for your consideration and have it here in the legislative arena before we adjourn this year. It's not our...it's not our desire to work up through June 30th of 1990. With that, I would urge you to pass this bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of LB 312. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.