

norm in funding LB 89, instead we're going to use the tried and true method of Foundation and Equalization. Now, Senator Chizek has a bill, LB 473 that would do this and we could do it in the mainline appropriation bill, but for a variety of reasons LB 89 has probably become the battleground for education this year, for education funding. And so instead of buying off on all the...LB 89 and all the things that it changes and all the, in my opinion, negative things it does to local control, let's just be clean about it, let's also change that dollar figure from 40 and 75, as written it would be \$20 million in each of the next two years. You are putting \$20 million increase, theoretically, in Foundation and Equalization. And all of us can go home and say, we voted for LB 89, we believed in education but we also believed in local control. Now, on our vote last week we tried to make it clear that local control was how we wanted things to happen but for a variety of reasons, reasons people can't explain to me, I don't know if we actually accomplished that. But to make sure we're doing it the cleanest method, we're going to do it with LB 89 in all the steps that it puts in there and all the phases it puts in there and it says we're going to fund money for education. I don't think...we're not going to sit here and play this Mickey Mouse game about how we're going to fund state aid for property tax relief. This is \$20 million that would go for education in the State of Nebraska, distributed through the tried and true method of Foundation and Equalization. And so that's what the amendment is and I urge for its adoption so we can be clean about what we're trying to do.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please. I don't see him. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I would have a couple of questions, I guess, of Senator Moore.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The \$20 million, Scott, you are saying would go to a local school district then?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, through a...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: And they could do whatever they wanted to with that?