

makes me a little nervous to insert a repeal of a law when we do not have in place a substitute for it for distribution. There may be good reason for doing that but it would seem to me I would be more comfortable not repealing it until we knew what the substitute was. In any event, at most, I suppose they could generate another bill each year to change the date to the following year, and we could address the issue several years in that fashion, but I would much prefer that we had a replacement then. Section 2 bothers me a little bit for a couple of reasons. It would make a fine resolution but, as a section of law, it bothers me somewhat to outline these things, all of which I suppose I could concur in in a general sense, but I do think when the time comes that we begin to use the income tax as a...and to share the income tax base with a local entity of government, we may want to look at that very carefully. I think it is an excellent idea to have language in the statute that provides the ability to measure ability to pay of a local entity through income tax together with other information that we have, and that I fully support, but it would seem to me that neither Section 2 or Section 5 would need to be enacted as part of the amendment. So I will offer amendments to take that out.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, please. Thank you. Senator Morrissey, discussion on the Moore amendment, Senator Withem on deck.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, thank you. I rise in support of Senator Moore's amendment. There is a lot of issues in my district that my people disagree on, property taxes, education, how to fund that, low-level waste, anything you want to name, there is a lot of disagreement. When I go down and start talking about LB 611, there is a buzz going around that they think we can finally address the shifting of the burden to pay for education towards those indicators that truly show wealth. The one thing they can't believe is that we will actually do it. They say it has been talked about year after year and never been done, and I just got the feeling that this year we should take that step, pass LB 611 and work on those problems, and say to our folks that we are going to give this issue more than just lip service this year, that we are going to make a commitment and head in the direction of distributing the cost of education where it should be distributed. Whether we need to go to income or sales tax, I would be more inclined to go to the income, because with our income and sales tax, we do get to write that off of our federal