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LB 611

SENATOR MOORE: I think you can ask Senator Withem that question and he will give you his version of an answer.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Haberman, in my...what I would support would be a budgetary limitation like that in Kansas. In Kansas what they have are those districts spending below the per pupil average have a 6 percent limitation, those spending above the per pupil average have a 3 percent limitation. The Legislature each year determines what the particular levels will be based on inflationary factors during the previous year. That is something I would be supporting and what I anticipate bringing to the floor of the Legislature when we finish our work.

SENATOR HABERMAN: We are going to decide this...Senator Hall, do you have any input on this? He isn't here. Is there anybody else has any input on what their idea is to a lid on school spending? So what we are going to do then, as I understand it, in the 60 day session, is that correct, Senator Moore, in 1990, we are going to come down and figure all these things out?

SENATOR MOORE: Before that occurs, hopefully?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Who is going to figure out before it occurs?

SENATOR MOORE: Ah, for one, the School Finance Review Commission will have some better details. We will have a much better defined draft of the proposal, LB 611 in its original form, and, obviously, we are going to have to settle, we are going to have to decide on what of that we want to accept.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But, Senator Moore, are you familiar with what happened to the last time we put a lid on school growth, school growth budget growth?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, yes, that lid was put on and (interruption)...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I asked you a question. Were you familiar with it, and you said, yes. Thank you. You know that it went