

of substantive language as far as how we are going to do this. And for exactly the reasons that Senator Haberman and Senator Warner have expressed, we do need that in order to be accurate and to be responsible in our legislation, and I would support Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman. Thank you. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Senator Moore has indicated that this is not the end of the world if this amendment goes on, and I guess I share that view, but I also share his and Senator Hall's opinion on the amendment, that it is really not needed, and I am not going to be supporting it. Senator Elmer, if I could just maybe respond to your question of Senator Moore in maybe a little more general fashion. We have been working with data all summer long, all fall long, all winter long on school finance, and the data base is not in nearly as bad a shape as we have been led to believe by our Department of Revenue, and by individuals like Senator Moore that have brought this bill in each year, that most of the dollars out there are accountable based on either having the number on the form, or being able...or the people in the department being able to add it. It is, I will agree, a necessary change to put more teeth into this so we get closer to the 100 percent level, but we are...the data I have is over 90 percent of the dollars would be accounted for under the current data that we have available to us at this time. There is some flaws in it. There is some flaws in it. For instance, it is pretty obvious that some of the people that are living in maybe the Millard School District or the Ralston School District are putting down the Omaha School District as their district in some of the data that I have seen. In some areas where schools have consolidated, some people have problems getting down their new district number correctly, but the data is not that bad. The other thing, I would just remind the body that the grand compromise that we are talking about here today, the hall, Lamb, Chizek, Moore discussions, perceive a package going together that for these next two years we enact LB 84 and LB 84 lasts for only two years. What is going to happen at the end of the two years if we extend this one more year down the road, we have one year there where there is going to be a gap, and if nothing is done during that year we are going to have approximately \$100 million more added back onto the property tax rolls that will have been taken off by LB 84. So that is another very real concern, these two bills, it is possible, of