

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend. (See Warner amendment on page 1615 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The call is raised. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Briefly, Mr. President, this would change the date to June 30th of 1991 which is consistent with some of the other comments that have been made that apparently that was the date at one time, but the reason for it in this instance is that the discontinuation of the current distribution formula ought to be the same as the fiscal year, which was beyond to make a midyear split during the fiscal year between two different formulas, I would think could create some problems, plus it would have the other advantage that you wouldn't necessarily be functioning with 33 votes if you were going to try and do something in 1990. Obviously, you would still be faced with 33 votes in the 1991 session which is really the first session you would have any information from this data beyond what is already exists, which I agree is probably substantial, but, primarily, it is so that the distribution formulas are consistent with the fiscal year which is a much more logical budgetary approach.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Warner amendment. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR MOORE: As I mentioned, I will be voting yes on the Warner amendment, just in the spirit of getting things moved along. I think it is important that we recognize, I think Senator Johnson is like several other senators in the body, they are a little bit nervous about having a sunset date of any kind on there. I guess I think it is very important that some sort of sunset date is in there. As Senator Rod Johnson mentioned that we have...he is a little nervous about wondering off into the wild blue yonder, when he has something safe and secure presently in the statute. Well, the fact of the matter is, that thing safe and secure presently in statute is probably one of the big reasons we rank third or eighth in the country in property taxes. That safe and secure foundation and equalization is probably the reason, the way it is in there right now, we rank between, I don't know...in the fortieth when it comes to state support for public education in the State of Nebraska. You are absolutely right, it is safe and secure, and tried and true, I think it is tried and true to cause us some big problems. I think it is important that we do move away from