

amendments to the bill, and urge its passage over to E & R. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, obviously rise to support this amendment. One thing I think is important to point out, at least from my own point of view, in difference to my old friend, Senator Lamb, if he refers to me as his young friend, I'll refer to him as my old friend, Senator Lamb, with my old, grey-haired friend, Senator Lamb, as a matter of fact, I'll put it that way, but regardless of that I think it is significant that this bill and this amendment contains a sunset date in it. The whole concept of homestead exemptions, the whole concept of a percentage rebate directly back to the property taxpayer, in my opinion, is fine for the short-term. But as long as it is indeed only short-term, because I think it just defies logic, in my opinion, to say you fixed the property tax problem by just trying...by bypassing the school boards and directly to the property taxpayer. I think it's important that we passed the bill yesterday, at least, and we're committed to try to work on a structural change. Because, if you're just going to pass LB 84 and never do anything again, you've really not solved the problem. You only, as I've said before, you've deadened the pain of the property taxpayer, but you've not actually solve the problem and done the surgery...taken corrective action. You just spent some money to deaden the pain, and that is good, that's good, because that's what...I want to deaden the pain, while I eventually perform that major surgery, that's important. But the fact of the matter is if you just...if you pass this bill in the next couple of years you use it as a crutch, not doing anything else with property taxes, I think you're making a grave mistake because I think it's important that we in the Legislature, and we in the State of Nebraska go in and fix our problems, because LB 84, after a year or two, you're probably not going to have tax relief because for a variety of reasons the local governing entities are going to figure out that it's a pretty automatic figure and can adjust their budget accordingly. But I think for the short-term you can do LB 84 as amended and pretty well guarantee some significant property tax relief for the taxpayer. That is why I like it. I think it's important that sunset language is in there. We're saying this is not a long-term solution to the problem. I guess since I don't believe it's long-term I'm going to call it Band-Aid. Now if, indeed, it would become long-term