

future increase in taxation. I was very encouraged as I hear some of the senators talking, addressing that issue, looking...recognizing that there will, in fact, need to be a mechanism that will generate the revenues to sustain it, and I think that certainly is an important step that needs to be considered. I'm encouraged that there are those who recognize the probability of that happening. I'm a little hesitant to vote no on the advancement of the bill for the simple reason that I understand it will be interpreted as a vote against property tax relief. That would not be the basis of it. I do not believe that it is thought out in terms of the funding side that is going to me....I can't think of anything that is going to be more difficult for me to go home and explain to constituents that we're setting all this up and somehow or other in two years we're going to put in a permanent legislation that will address the issue, and we're going to virtually repeat every, well not every, but several aid programs all at the same time, and that to go home and explain, to create a crisis is the way government can best address an issue. Certainly I've heard that line said on this floor from time to time over the years, but when I think back I don't believe the public was served very well when those kinds of circumstances were intentionally set up in order to bring about some change. It seems to me that the public will not be very receptive to that approach, and for those reasons I will not be voting yes on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the advancement of LB 84 to E & R Initial. I do so knowing full well that it will provide for discussion on Select File the issue of whether or not I guess adequate funding is there to sustain it on into the future. I also appreciate Senator Withem's and Senator Conway's comments with regard to possible funding in the future. But I also look at the most recent past, over the last two years, where our estimates at the time of sine die of this body in '87-88, and the actual amount that came in for that year was \$92 million over. For this year it will be, in the '88-89, somewhere around \$100 million. If that trend continues, and it looks like it is for the current portion of this year that we have in, it's very likely that there will be no funding mechanism necessary for the first year of LB 84. Now, that is yet to be seen. But I think there is strong enough statistical information, with regard to revenue,