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LB 89

SENATOR NELSON: I would ask that that be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway, I have your AM1434, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by...Senator Moore, I'm back to your original amendment. Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (The Lamb amendment appears on pages 1779-80 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I'm not going to withdraw this one. This is strictly \$20 million state aid to education. Strikes all provisions of the bill, substitutes \$20 million under our current state aid formula. The amendment is on your desk. This is an alternative to what we're getting into when we get into state mandated teachers' salaries. This will...this will provide school boards with the flexibility that they have now to decide how state aid will be spent. Contrary to some of the statements made on the floor, the bill, LB 89 as currently drafted and amended, does erode the responsibility and the authority of the school board. This money will go to that school, it's my understanding, for teachers' salaries no matter what the need may be. So the school board will not have the prerogative to decide what the highest need is for their school district. This money under the present version of LB 89 will go for teachers' salaries and so this is an alternative, this is an alternative, an additional \$20 million. I think now there is about \$133 million goes to state aid to schools, this would increase that amount by \$20 million under our present state aid formula which, as you know, involves foundation, equalization and incentive. So that's the proposal. It's plain and simple. Do you want to get into a new era? You know, we're talking about \$20 million this year but that camel is just getting its nose under the tent and you know what's going to happen next year, we're going to have more and more direct payments from the