

April 20, 1989

LB 104, 611

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 611. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the bill. (Warner amendment is on page 1796 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is one that would strike provisions in 611 that repeal the Foundation Equalization Act, I believe it was June 30, 1991. I had some hesitancy about whether or not that was a good idea, actually I think it was a bad idea. But yesterday the body came very close to putting a similar provision on another state aid formula that was advanced. And it seems to me that to be consistent it would be logical to also remove the repeal of this state aid formula so that it stays in effect until a change is made, just as will be true of the other bill that was advanced yesterday that will stay in effect. It merely...the amendment merely takes out the repeal of the Foundation Equalization Act, as provided for in 611.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? Senator Moore, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator Warner's amendment, even though I do agree with some of his logic on the rational of what the body did yesterday and how it compares with that of the issue we're talking about in LB 611. But while Senator Warner is correct, and he said it merely strikes the sunset portion of the bill that is dealing with sunset of foundation equalization, when you merely do that you merely neuter the bill into absolutely nothing, practically, with the exception of the LB 104 provisions which say that you...dealing with the school district identification numbers and the data collection in the Department of Revenue. I think it's important that if this body really feels that we need to restructure the overall tax system in the State of Nebraska and really work on a tax shift, we're going to have to set some sort of deadline and say, yes, people in the State of Nebraska, and yes, to each and every one of us, that we're seriously going to do something. My concern is if you would adopt the Warner amendment you are basically saying, no, I think it's a good idea, but we're not really seriously going to look at it next