

April 20, 1989

LB 89, 611

bill and I would hope that the body would not adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Withem.

**SENATOR HABERMAN:** Mr. President, members of the body, I'm rather pleased to stand up here and agree with Senator Warner as I feel after tomorrow it will be one of the few times that I will agree with him, as it's my understanding we're going to get the appropriations bill at that time. The bill says it is the intent of the Legislature to replace the present school financing system with a system which shares the income tax base with local school districts to provide substantial and enduring property tax relief. So it seems to me that it is in the eyes of the beholder as to what that means, exactly what does that mean. It means that we can go ahead on LB 89 and commit the state to \$20 million a year forever, and that's what we did, we committed it forever, because they will be back in two years wanting 40 million, then after that so on and so on and so forth. But it's okay to cease the funding...the foundation and the other aid. So I guess I'm a little confused as to the wisdom sometimes of how this body operates. But I guess it all boils down to the eyes of the beholder. And evidently that lets them make the decision that they'd like to make. So, Senator Warner, I think you and I are probably the only ones that are going to stand up here and fight for your amendment, and I think we're probably going to lose. However I am pleased to support your amendment and would ask those in the body who would like to have a clear conscience do the same thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING**

**PRESIDENT:** You're welcome. Senator Withem, please.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** As one of those note quite as concerned about a clear conscience, Senator Haberman, I guess I am not going to be supportive of the Warner amendment. Now on a sleepy afternoon, a logy afternoon in the end of April, warm afternoon, the 69th day of the legislative session, it's kind of difficult for us to be able to take either a step back from our day to day grinding our way through the bills and looking at the mess on our desk and all of the sorts of things that we're involved with and step back and take a look at how this legislative session may be