

Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I indicated in my opening that this was done to be...done to be consistent and that was the reason. If you choose not to adopt this amendment and choose to leave LB 89 as it is, and we pass it, then what you will have next session is one distribution formula left for state aid, because, as I understand LB 89, it is a formula for distribution that's applicable to 20 million or 153 million, either way, as long as you put the money in the right slot in the appropriation bill. So the anvil, folks, isn't there. Now I may not want an anvil. I haven't seen the distribution of LB 89 and I may think that is the best doggone state aid formula we have ever had. I don't know yet. But that potential is there, as I understand the bill. If I am misspeaking, I will stand to be corrected but I don't think so. So the amendment is in good faith. I don't agree with the concept that you do good law by creating crisis in order to act. But if that's what we're going to do, then make sure that you are, in fact, creating the crisis because if I like LB 89's distribution and that's law and the other one is automatically repealed, I don't have a lot of interest in changing it, nor would anyone else who would be like situated. So the amendment is to call your attention that you're not creating a crisis, you're creating a real good advantage for one distribution formula which might be one I like or it might be one that 25 of us like and then that won't be any hammer at all. So I would give careful thought that if you want to leave the sunset here, you ought to give careful thought to put it in the other one, although I would also agree that when we get a distribution formula maybe we won't want to do that in 89 this year either, just leave this one like it is. We might...we might really bring about some substantive change in how funds are distributed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1813 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.