

PRESIDENT: The motion is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill. (The Kristensen amendment appears on page 2451 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members...

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Colleagues, as a freshman senator, I have watched with great interest in trying to learn and the more I watch the harder it becomes for me to grasp the larger picture but I think there are some obvious things that are beginning to take place for me. And one of the things that is important to me and I think is important to many of you, as I have spoken with you, and, Senator Schimek, your idea of the cake, maybe there's a few crumbs left over for one of the more worthwhile things that we have refused to do in past years and that is state aid to education. And this bill that I have, based on what Senator Lamb has proposed to us, is that property tax relief has become the issue and it probably has become the focal point of what we want to do. And this amendment directly aids to that and supplements to it nicely. And what this amendment is doing is going to supplement for one year \$18 million directly into state aid for education. This is going to be in addition to LB 84. I strongly believe in 84. This is not designed to take away from LB 89 in any attempt, that is not my purpose, nor is it to take away from LB 739, all of which are possible scenarios. But I want to refer you to a handout that I have here comparing budgets from 1982-83 to the present year. And look at the variety of things that we have done with our budgets, anywhere from the university to state colleges. We have made some increases, some great, some not so great, but the only ones that have remained the same has been state aid to education. They have not received any increases since 1982. This is a separate issue. What we have really done is given the burden back to these schools, to our high schools, and our secondary schools for property tax burdens and this is an effort...this is the one-time thing. Now everybody says, how did I get the 18 million? Well, quite frankly, it was the 38 million, originally, of state aid to education and we have given 20 million to the teachers, this is the remaining