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

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the amendment that's filed, Senator Kristensen appropriates money for the first half of the biennium. The amendment I filed also appropriates a like amount for the second half. Now the reason is obvious. If once we increase that level of state aid for one year, there is no chance, in my opinion, that you will not be expected to continue at least that level the following year. And we're really kidding ourselves if we do not acknowledge it now. Now, obviously, there isn't room for this. There isn't room for the amendment as it is unless something else goes out. That's a fact. But it would seem to me that the realistic thing to do is put in the same funding both years because it will surely come back without it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I had several lights on before this amendment came up so if you do not wish to speak to it, just let me know. Senator Moore, please, to the amendment. Senator Korshoj, to the amendment. Senator Nelson, to the amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: I will pass for now.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Ashford, to the amendment, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Schimek.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just briefly, Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Warner amendment. I think it's the appropriate way to deal with this problem and it is of state aid. It's realistic and it reflects, I think, what, in fact, we will be doing next year or attempting to do in the area of state aid. It also, I think, reflects or is exemplary of some of my concerns I have about LB 84 and the problem we're going to have in putting \$98 million into property tax relief in one year without any plan for continuing that property tax relief next year. I think it's appropriate budgeting and would support the Warner amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I support the Warner