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schools with sales and income taxes, this is one way to do it and I strongly support it and hope that you will also do so.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I would like to speak on the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Dierks, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I stand to support the Warner amendment and the Kristensen amendment. I think if we're going to be honest with ourselves, we're going to realize that this is about the most effective means of equitable tax relief that we have. Having served on a school board and having been there and seen it and watched how the thing works, I can just promise you that if we're going to have property tax relief this session, this is about the most equitable way we can do it. It works well for the city. It works well for the rural area. No question about it and I support both these...the amendment to the amendment and the amendment itself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to make comments really on the amendment and the amendment to the amendment because my comments can be construed to deal with both. Members of the body, I hope that we try to put this in perspective rather than just talk about state aid to education, because I think if you put it in perspective that it may help you decide how you're going to vote on this issue and I am one of the strong supporters of state aid to education, by the way. LB 89 was a bill we had for teachers and we were told time and time again that we could not afford the money that we had for teachers. We finally had to keep paring down and paring down because the money wasn't there, particularly we were told in the second year of the biennium to where we cut down to 20 million. LB 84 had to be pared down from 6,800 homestead down to 54, from 10 percent down to 8.5 and the reason it had to be pared down is because the money wasn't there, particularly in the second year of the biennium. Now we have Senator Kristensen coming up, in all due respects to my good friend from Minden, he says that we