

They want money over and above that. Well in a nonreal world I'd love to do that too. We just cannot continue to keep piling it on. I think we have a choice to make. I think it's very wise that we said this Legislature is going to spend about \$20 million on education, elementary and secondary education. Now unfortunately, though the proponents of LB 89 don't like to think this competes with it, it most certainly does. Now for some reason editors of the Lincoln paper thinks LB 89 is the best property tax relief package we have. That's not property tax relief and it shouldn't be construed as such. I think whatever money, this \$20 million should not be like Senator "Cap" Dierks says, we shouldn't try and fool the public and say we're going to do state aid that is going to be property tax relief. That's not it. We need to spend more money for education in this state. I firmly believe that. We can't just do 89 and this. We have to make a choice. Senator Nelson has an amendment filed to LB 89, we can make that choice then. For the time being I think it's, you know, you can't send the message that we're going to make everybody happy in this state and we can't just continue to neglect our duty of sending a balanced budget to the Governor. Now \$18 million is too much to add on. It has got to come from somewhere, you know. I mean we have to realize that nobody gets everything, nobody gets everything. Remember that. And we can start out by voting no on this.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm going to support this amendment. If we do not get more state aid to these schools, they're going to raise their taxes and we're going to lose the relief in LB 84. We've shorted them all these years. I'm not looking at this bill in competition with LB 89, but I really think this bill probably does something for education, probably does something for the children which Senator Scofield had mentioned in the paper we need to do more for the children. This bill would do more for the children than some other bills and I think that we're just wasting our time if we do not get more state aid because it is going to take very cent of that \$140 each household is going to get back with LB 84. So I think this is a time that we do speak out and say this is some companion bill to go with LB 89. I think it's a given. I think Senator Lynch has got plenty of votes for it, so let's just help the whole program. Thank you.