

going to happen and how the Governor feels. I, you know, if she thinks we ought to have both, but if she thinks we ought to have both of these, does that mean that LB 84 is in jeopardy? And I would like to think that, like those people did on 84, working out some kind of an irrational agreement which many people support, that they should have some concern about this amendment to 525. We also know if it should pass, the Governor does have the options to line-item veto out of 525 a number of or any of those proposals and portions of 525. But just as it applies to special education, let me suggest this. The reason money was earmarked to school districts could have been because we may not have trusted that when they got that money they would have spent it the way they...we thought they should, and I think we have some right when we give money to subdivisions of government to expect certain things to happen. All those years I was on the county board and the state was helping counties, you know, you made us all look good. I got to tell you, Senator Warner and Senator Schmit and all of you who were here, you know as the valuations increased at the local level and we got more money and we were relieved of responsibilities at state level for a lot of things including local programs, for programs in state institutions cost in particular, for people from our counties. We could sit back there and say, look it, we're not raising our mill levy, we're constant, and take some credit and sometimes not give credit where it was due to the legislators who passed that kind of legislation and I kind of view all of this in the same way. I'm also concerned with the superintendents coming in our almost 82nd day with a proposal for \$36 million when all the time we were talking about 84, all the time we were talking about LB 89, nobody said anything. Now the hallway is full of lobbyists proposing this particular proposal and I'm sure it's because there are some senators who simply view that if money is going to be given, it shouldn't be earmarked for teachers, but should be just given in a form of state aid. How many times, think back in all your days, young or old as we may be, when we've given state aid back to school districts, where was the mill levy reduced? It's not all their fault. You know that and I know that. However, there is no guarantee that the amendment to 525 as proposed by the superintendents will, in fact, be property tax relief as you've already discussed in LB 84, and there is certainly no guarantee anymore than there was when we had to earmark special education money for transportation and program reimbursement and residential care and preschool projects and multihandicapped kids and diagnostic projects and preschool reimbursement that there would be any kind of