

of these things that we're doing. The money probably is not going to be there to do LB 84, property tax relief, forget the bill number, the income tax relief bill, indigent care, teachers' salaries, all of those kind of things. It's not going to be there. We in this body need to set our priorities in the area of education which I, as you all know, carry deeply, care deeply about, end up carrying more education bills than anybody else in here. I probably ended up carrying more state aid to education measures than anyone else in this body. I have a set of priorities for this session, and I think I've discussed those with a number of people. In the spending area there are two things that are at the top. One of them is the teacher pay bill. Frankly, the other one is...everybody talks about LB 84, LB 84 is not just a one-year property tax relief package. The LB 84 package includes also LB 611. We forget about LB 611. Senator Moore, kicking and screaming all session long when you talk about property tax relief, has said, you've got to have a long-term property tax relief solution, and he is bringing it to us. Those are my priorities. We're putting \$98 million into property tax relief with the package being that that is to fund education when we get the permanent long-term solution together. That's what I'm for and that's what I support. And the thing that upsets me about this, I guess, in addition to my dishonesty with myself in thinking I could support this this morning and everything would turn out fine, is the fact that for 80 days of this session that appeared to be what the education lobby was supportive of. You didn't hear a peep out of them when LB 611 was going through. You didn't hear a peep out of them when LB 84 was going through, that that was what we were going to be doing to fix up financing of our schools. It's only at the last hour that they decided that they need more money out on the table. I guarantee you, Senator Kristensen, Senator Moore, Senator Baack, anybody else, Senator Korshoj, if we put \$20 million of state aid into this budget this year, in August of this year when they are back holding their public hearings, property taxes are still going to go up and you know whose fault it's going to be? It's going to be your fault, Senator Korshoj, your fault, Senator Baack, my fault, Senator Withem, because it wasn't enough. We didn't do enough, and we're going to get blamed anyway. For \$20 million you're not buying anything. All you're doing is taking \$20 million off of the table that will fund some of these other projects. The solution to school finance is a long-term solution through LB 611, through LB 312, the bill that we're having to expand the school finance provisions, through getting 84 passed and getting some