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LB 84, 89, 525, 611

short-term property tax relief out there for folks. Twenty million dollars in this bill will not go any...will not do anything and it ought to be reconsidered. I'm going to support Senator Lynch's reconsideration motion and would urge you to do the same. Senator Ashford, I don't know if there's any time left but I said I'd give some to you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Briefly, that's all I have, briefly, obviously, is I also rise to support the reconsideration motion for many of the same reasons raised by Senator Withem. First of all, LB 89 has changed significantly from what it was originally intended to be and has many characteristics of state aid anyway, but more than that, and as Senator Withem also said, I, amongst many others are looking at LB 84 and Senator Moore's LB 611 for long-term solution in the area of education. I've always supported state aid in the past and given the right circumstances I will, I'm sure, as long as it's reasonable, continue to do it in the future. But it is late in the session, there will not be enough money for both. I think we are clearly pulling the wool over our own eyes by suggesting that there might be and giving a vote so that...and I know I got quick calls from both of my superintendents today, but I think we...really, the die was cast long ago...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...in the area of state aid, and with that, I would support Senator Lynch.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't know, some people mentioned that when I get excited or upset that maybe my voice rises about an octave and I talk too fast and I get a little louder in my voice and I'm excited and I'm kind of angry but I'm going to try not to do that, not yet anyway. So if I start to, somebody may want to do a point of personal privilege or point of order so I don't do that. Thanks, Chris. I, too, like Senator Withem, have a very difficult decision, being in education really all my life. My grandmothers were in education, my parents, my mother was in education, she still is a professor at the University of