

charade. It's something to talk about back home to the folks but, ladies and gentlemen, the phone is beginning to ring at my home and my office about property taxes and we are not going to provide substantive property tax relief with any single bill we have on the floor today. And the only thing you have that might help a little bit to hold down the cost of schools is this small amount of money which comes in the form of the Kristensen amendment and I support it. I think,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...as Senator Landis has said, there is not enough money in the budget to take care of all the needs. Well, the receipts for this month are ahead of what they projected. We have probably collected about \$200 million, at least, more for the biennium than was anticipated. No is hanged yet. No one is hanged yet. Maybe we should. But the point is this, the public will take a lot of abuse if you don't mislead them but when you tell them and tell them and tell them you're going to give them property tax relief and we walk out of here with a \$100 bill and tell the average individual, that's your property tax relief, ladies and gentlemen, you better have a better constituency than I have or they're not going to buy it. I support the Kristensen amendment. I will still support LB 89 and I think that if you go back to that budget, you're going to find some items in there that you might be able to take out if you don't really think you can afford it. And I can suggest some things...I'm not going to do it now, I would suggest the Governor will have some good suggestions also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend. (Read the Withem amendment as found on page 2480 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this amendment is not printed any place. It was just written but it's fairly simple to understand. The original Kristensen amendment which we came very, very close to reconsidering did...added \$18 million of state aid to the state aid to education budget. We chose not to reconsider that but it was close. I am giving you another shot at doing something