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LB 84, 312, 525, 611

people were handing out yesterday having to do with LB 84 and possibly happen to raise their levies and it ultimately ending up with a \$68 increase or net savings on property tax relief? Have you seen those figures?

SENATOR WITHEM: No, I didn't see those figures.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, well I guess they just gave them to me. But anyway, they are claiming because of a reduction in state aid that my district especially is suffering and then, of course, they're thinking ahead to sunset on nonresident tuition that they're going to be really in a crunch. Do you really feel that's not factual?

SENATOR WITHEM: I think they're going to be in a crunch regardless of...I mean, \$18 million is not going to get them out of any sort of crunch at all. The only thing that will get them out of a crunch is a long-term sort of solution that this body has been working toward all year, frankly, without their input, consideration or seeming to care one way or the other.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well I might agree there because I was wondering where the argument, I mentioned it to a senator this morning, where the argument for state aid that, don't take a bite yet, where state aid to education has been all year long in the discussion, but why is LB 84 so vital to LB 611? I really like 611 and I used to like 84 but why is 84 so vital to 611 in this long-term planning?

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm not one of those people that put together the long-term plan. My understanding is that we have extra money this year, that there has been a strong resistance to any major increases in state aid because of the formula and that we're not going to get the formula resolved this year to put \$98 million into a state aid project, it's going to take some time to figure that out, so that's how the two go together. LB 84 is short-term this year, because the surplus is there and we need it for property tax relief. LB 611 LB 312, the School Finance Review Commission, all of those other things are the long-term solution and we're just not ready to go for them and Senator Moore is...I see you're pointing at him and he is probably more appropriately the one to answer that question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.