

enacted. What the amendment does is a number of things. It addresses the issue in part of reducing some of the cost of items. We're talking about an awful lot of money that has to come out of the proposed budget. With what we have pending in LB 525 and the rest of the A bills, there's some doubling up in LB 525 probably and some other pending legislation. I would not anticipate both would be enacted. But essentially we're talking about \$228 million of expenditure, potential expenditure over the next four years coming out of this year's budget and what will be sustained. So on an average, you have to be able to get out a combination of one time and those items that are continuation expenditures close to 60 million dollars. That's the average if you want to end up with a plan reserve of 4 percent in 1993. So we now stand where just for the current fiscal year it's a .67 percent reserve, assuming everything passed. Now I understand there are a lot of options, but, again I repeat, this one is different. It's different for a couple of reasons besides the one reason that I've given and, of course, the other reason is that there is a motion filed to suspend the rules and read this bill tonight. So that then becomes the highest priority of any funding that might occur this year if it cannot be changed once it has left here. There would be no legislation left that I'm aware of that you would go back in and adjust the provisions of LB 84 in the remaining couple of days. Seems to me that whatever item you're looking at to save money in order to fund or not have cut, which is a more likely thing by veto, this is one reasonable step. There's been several attempts to take the state aid out, for example. Over the biennium, that's 36 million. It could fund that. It could fund any combination of appropriations. Could fund any other number of other A bills that are pending, and this is being offered then solely to provide that one last opportunity to reduce the impact and I would urge the body to adopt it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to return the bill to Select File. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Warner, Abboud, Chizek and Schmit. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, of course, rise to vigorously oppose the amendment by Senator Warner. The question has not changed over the last several months that we have considered this bill, and the real question is whether or not this body is interested in meaningful property tax relief. LB 84 has been discussed, it's been modified, it's been made into what we believe is a fair bill, a fair bill for