

Warner's amendment. Obviously everyone here is familiar with the issue. I think Senator Lamb and Senator Abboud touched on the problem. We all wish that it could be more. We all know this is the temporary addressing of an issue that has been in an issue that we, in this body, and those who are here before us were faced with year after year. If we can't do this this year, colleagues, if not now, when? If not now, when? The revenue is there. We know it's there. I agree with Senator Abboud, this is the people's money and we should return it. I urge you to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign engrossed Legislative Bill 429. Senator Schmit, further discussion on the motion to return? Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I only rise, you know, obviously Senator Warner makes a good point, and in his opinion the way we start balancing the budget is on the back of LB 84. That's his opinion and I simply disagree with it. I said before last week when we talked about some of this stuff, I think if we really need to start cutting back, you know, I'm not saying 98 million dollars is a magic number, I don't think you have to balance the budget on the back of LB 84. That's just simply my opinion. All 49 of us have our own opinion. Though I do think it is rather obvious that some of it you can't vote for everything, and I won't be voting for everything. I will be voting for LB 84 though, because I think it's important and we've said it all night here, LB 84, in many people's opinion and obviously in mine, dovetails into LB 611, my priority bill. I think it's important that we use some of the money we now have to do some stopgap property tax measures hopefully next year we move into a more permanent solution. Now obviously if we were dealing with a bare-bones state budget, 98 million dollars would, indeed, be too much. But with what we've done in LB 813, LB 814, and now LB 525, we pass all that, you're talking about a 15 percent increase in the state budget. We're not going to do all that. Maybe if you were talking a 5 or 6 percent increase in the state budget, and LB 84 at this level, then you'd be truly stealing from the needs of state government and the continuation of that government, but we're not. We're simply not. I will...I have and will continue to concur with Senator Warner's numbers and desires of where we should be in the finality of how much we spend. Obviously Senator Warner and I