

disagree on some priorities there and that's the way it goes. And as he's been here a lot longer than I have been he may well be right, but for the time people I am committed to do something on the short-term for property taxes after we've debated this a long time and 98 million dollars seems like a level that we can all agree it. It was my goal to get the most I could for property taxes this year. I think it's important that if I thought LB 84 was a permanent solution to this problem I sure wouldn't be voting for it. It's the temporary solution and, light of LB 361, I think it's a very important solution that we do something across the state to try and decrease property taxes, and obviously it's my goal to work with LB 611 and make it work and then eventually some time in the nineties come up with a permanent bill that solves our property tax dilemma for the long term. The first step is LB 84 and the first step to the passage of LB 84 is defeating Senator Warner and Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'll make it four for four and I will join the rest of the co-sponsors in opposing Senator Warner's amendment. It is, I think, brought in good faith as an option, as a choice that we have the ability to make here. LB 84, I have the motion filed that would, after the amendments are done, would suspend the rules so that it could be read tonight, and I think...I hope the body does that because I think we have all, at one time or another, made LB 84 or whatever bill that contained a property tax relief measure our highest priority, our first and foremost issue that we felt needed to be dealt with this year on the floor of the Legislature. We've talked about it, talked about it, and for one reason or another, good, bad or indifferent, have not been able to come to terms on how we were going to address that. LB 84 allows us to take that first step toward the issue of restructuring how we pay for education at the local level. Call it property tax relief. Call it state aid. Call it what you like, but it sends us down the road of reducing the reliance on property tax. And the impact and the implications and the ramifications that it has with regard to what happens down the road I think are many, are great, and are good for the State of Nebraska because until we address the issue of the over-reliance on property taxes for the funding of the local government, we will continue to have property tax relief problems. LB 84 does