

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm going to support Senator Moore's amendment. I think as most of you know I still have an amendment coming down the line that would put LB 89 in state aid to education, and I'll speak on that more when the time comes. Senator Withem mentioned that, boy, we've got to hurry up and get off of this bill, we have so many big issues coming up. This is an important bill, and it's important to a lot of us. I can recall in this body just in the last few days any number of times if someone doesn't like a vote we vote to reconsider, and we just go on and on and on. So, I think a few more minutes on this bill to get it in the shape that we would like to see. Back, another thing, when it come to... I think a few names were mentioned, Phase I of the bill taken out. The bill was so poorly drafted and put together in the first place that that \$18,000, anyone that doesn't make 18,000 I'm going to ask my taxpayers and I'm going to ask the other state taxpayers to just automatically reach out and dip in the bucket and compensate those districts down to 12 and 14,000 dollars a year. That was the reason that we four senators could point out another fallacy of the bill, just like the one is you give me 150 million and I'll turn around and give you back 50 million, and I cut your property tax. People are wiser than that. But that was the reason that that was taken out. And to me to comfortably support the bill, this bill should be state aid to education. And I'll offer my amendment, but I have some great reservations. We're trying to change a system, we're trying to do something new. And we have Scotty's bill coming up a little bit later. I'm going to support Scotty's amendment at this time, and I'll offer my amendment in a few minutes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore for closing.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I hope you will listen just briefly so you make sure exactly that you know the consequences of what you're voting on. You know Senator Warner makes a good point, as he always does. I think he makes a very good point in regard to LB 611, regardless of the wisdom of