

opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to return the bill. (The Moore amendment appears on page 2545 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, after that last voting it's rather obvious to all of us, probably, that LB 89 is now going to be passed into law by this Legislature and I will be voting for it and I hope the Governor signs it. But I do think that there's a couple of questions, I think, that need to be asked for the record of introducers of the bill, just exactly how this money can be used and how it's intended to be used. I don't know if any of you were like me and read a Lincoln Journal article last Friday about the...how those funds can be used, probably are as confused as I am. And so, first, I want to ask Senator Lynch some of his intentions on the money in this bill, particularly in light of the amendment we adopted on General File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR MOORE: Now, Senator Lynch, the question is dealing with the ability of a local school district to use LB 89 funds to supplant property taxes. Now, in your opinion, is that a possibility? I guess I will begin with that.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, well, it depends upon if we're talking about property tax relief and 89. I guess the ability of the school district to raise funds, the integrity of the school district to be willing to trade off these dollars for property tax relief rather than sock the difference that they could use in this case for teachers' salaries and for other goodies that they may have and priorities they may have. I think that, you know, the argument...well, go ahead, I better shut up.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I guess I'm waiting for a...you're saying, yes, they can or, no, they can't, or...