

\$18 million, but beings LB 84 has gone over to the Governor's desk now and that's \$98 million we don't have, it's probably not appropriate to run this amendment. What I would like to do is ask unanimous consent to substitute AM1956. It's one that Senator Kristensen and I both have signed. We've been kind of the warring parties on this issue. At least this would be a way to deal with the issue today, so we'd like to bring this issue before us at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If there are no objections, we can do it by unanimous consent. So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Withem and Kristensen would move to amend. I have AM1956 in front of me, Senator. (Amendment appears on pages 2576-77 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, or Senator Kristensen? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. After the debate we had the other day in regards to state aid, and there is a series of amendments that are up there starting at about \$500,000 of state aid, working its way all the way up to where we currently are, Senator Withem and I have been discussing the practicalities of this. As you remember, I originally came in with \$18 million for one year. The body then chose to extend that for a two-year period for budgeting purposes and in an effort of compromise and knowing that there is some measure of responsibility that we need to address at this point, Senator Withem has agreed that this is a figure that both he and I could live with. In an effort to still maintain a two-year budgeting process, but to take it from the 18 million for two years to make it 9 million for each of the next years, for two years, and that would still be my original \$18 million just spread over two years. I know that it is probably not satisfactory to everyone and maybe that's the spirit of a good compromise that no one is happy with any part of it, but yet is the item that is probably responsible to send across that we do need some state aid very badly for our schools and we would propose this amendment to you. It still is under the current state aid formula, that those percentages have not changed. We recognize that in the closing days that if we would have an auction here, that we could probably take up a couple of hours and time is too short. We would offer this for your consideration and urge the body to adopt this amendment and then