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lot of other bills are in jeopardy and I know the supporters of LB 89 are particularly concerned right now at this point, so with that, I will be voting for the amendment and I do hope that the personal attacks will quit.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from Stanton, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I have, I guess, mixed emotions about this amendment. I would have sooner seen the amount be 38, 40, \$50 million and then it be state aid in place of LB 89, but that didn't happen. But I think we have to be very realistic and think what we can pass, what we can get by the Governor because if it's vetoed, we have nothing. So I think 9 million is better than nothing, so I think we almost have to go with the \$9 million figure. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland. Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: (No response.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman. Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, people have been using a lot of analogies today as to what should be the proper amount for state aid and that's probably as close as we're going to get to rational reasons as to what should be the proper level for state aid at this particular time. It could be \$9 million or it could be \$18 million. At this point in time with the amount of money that we have left in our budget, either one of the proposals would probably go. I think one of the best analogies would be that the Legislature is deciding on where we should go to eat and we've decided to go to a smorgasbord and we've already chosen the main course with our mainline budget bills and capital construction as well as the large property tax relief for \$98 million, and right now we're on the dessert portion and we're trying to figure out what should be the proper portions for a balanced budget. Now there is going to be difference of opinion as to what type of desserts we're going to choose from. There's small items, there's a million here, a million there, 9 million here, 18 million there. I've been hearing on the floor for a number of years from a number of supporters of state aid to education that there is never enough money as far as state aid to education goes and that's why I am somewhat surprised today to hear some of the supporters,