

what this is going to do, it's going to compliment something that we did very historic here the other night and that was to start the property tax relief plans. This will fit very well into it. It's not going to make it tremendously more relief for property taxpayers, but it's going to go back to schools that desperately need some help and it's going to go back to these schools that have really been trying to operate and do the things that they need to do without an increase in their state aid since 1982 and this is the appropriate time. We wish we could put more money. In fact, we had more money in here, but now is the time when the Legislature is going to have to start to make some of these decisions on how much we're going to cut back. Last night Senator Moore looked at teachers and put some sunset provisions in, something he probably didn't want to do, but did do, and the body went along and did those things. This is another one of those efforts here. We'd like to put more in but we shouldn't or can't. And, at this point, it's not much more needs to be said in terms of where the money is going to go, where it's going to come from, but I guess I resent a little bit some of the scare tactics that your individual bills may be in jeopardy. Every bill that we have in here is in jeopardy and we all know that. But this is the right thing to do at the time and the compromise, I believe, is one that the body should accept and be fairly satisfied with, that it is one that is going to be adopted and I believe that the Governor will have to look at this and weigh it. It shouldn't put anything else in jeopardy which should be up there for discussion and certainly should be one of our choices that we're going to have to make, and today is not the last day for choices, but it's getting real close. And I'd like to yield the rest of my closing to Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, three minutes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, just rise to ask you to support the Kristensen-Withem amendment. We all would like to do more in the area of school finance, and we're going to. I think that when we get back and step back away from this session by a couple of weeks and look back at some of the things that have been put into place, assuming we pass LB 611, and some of the other things we've done, we are going to be making some major changes in the way we finance schools. It was at the beginning of the session, a strong desire of mine... Senator Hefner is probably somewhat right and Senator Bernard-Stevens, I really have been all over on this issue because part of it is I've