

portion, or else you will have to substantially increase the income tax even further on the low-income and middle income groups to achieve your goal. Gentlemen, I don't know if we're going to get that done or not. Therefore, at this time, I will not support LB 611, although the intent is fine, but someone said once the road to hell is paved with good intentions. And certainly I want to say this also, that we have locked into place this session not tens of millions but hundreds of millions of new obligations for years to come and some of them...most of them carry the appellation of temporary. I would suggest that that doesn't very often turn out to be that way and, in this instance here, before I want to cut loose from the rope of the state aid and through foundation and equalization, I want to take a look at just what kind of program we have coming down the road to replace it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Question.

PRESIDENT: A question's been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Ladies and gentlemen, we are on Final Reading. You are supposed to be in your seats and this has been called to my attention. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, no nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Abboud, would you like to close on your motion to bracket?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President. I would like you to remind me when I have two minute left. I'd like to give that to Senator Moore.

PRESIDENT: We'll mention it to you.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you. I do have some problems with LB 611 and I'll be as brief as I can just laying them out. The first major problem I have is dealing with income taxes in that by giving this local option I feel what we will see is an increase in income taxes and I have some problems with that particular...placing this type of language into the law. Secondly, it seems so often that when I come back after the session to the district I get hit on by schools, counties,