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that takes that into account. A lot of people have concern about the old...age-old concern you have when you go home about, yeah, you'll just raise money through LB 611 and school districts will spend more. If you look at the bottom of page 1 and the top of page 2, part of that intent language is to develop some sort of budget growth limitation in conjunction with the school districts so they don't just spend all the money, and so you're saying we're going to guarantee property tax relief by developing some sort of budget growth limitation that the schools can live with but yet assure the property taxpayer that, indeed, there is going to be some property tax relief. Now...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ..LB 611 is half the move. It's a big step 'cause you're promising you're going to do something. Now, as Senator Abboud said, you promise things in intent language and then you don't deliver them. Well, the promise you're making when you vote for LB 611 is that, yes, we recognize we're going to try and shift the property tax burden on to something else and, to give that statement merit, we're going to sunset foundation and equalization aid. You know, yes, it's a big step, but the promise you're making with this one is, is that, yes, we recognize there is a problem and, yes, the Legislature is finally going to do something about it. And, with that, I'm glad Senator Abboud's withdrawing the motion and hope the body will advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, you want to read the bill?

CLERK: (Read LB 611 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 611 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2645-46 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 12 nays, 1 present not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 611 passes. We'll do LB 611A, and then Senator Barrett has an announcement for you before we recess for lunch.