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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members.
Briefly, reflecting a little bit what Senator Abboud has said
and   also Senator Morrissey, we passed LB 84 intact with
$98 million. We had an opportunity to take some of the money
out of LB 84 to fund some of these programs, but we opted not to
do   that.   Senator Abboud is absolutely right.   If we, and
Senator Hall is absolutely right in his amendment before or his
motion before this bill and Senator Withem is right on his
motion.   These are laudable programs. I support Senator Hall's
program and Senator Withem's program. The problem is that, as
Senator Abboud said, the reality is and I think we have to deal
in realities here today and not in speculation or in philosophy,
the reality is that if every dollar that we override will come
out of state aid, will come out of LB 89. That's the reality of
this legislative session now. So I think we should keep that in
mind when we make our decisions. There are good programs that
we're going to be discussing today, truly, and I certainly
support most all of them, but the reality is that there is
substantially more dollars to be vetoed out. If we add more
dollars to that we are putting in jeopardy some excellent
education programs, funding programs in LB 89 and the $9 million
state aid in LB 525. I urge the body not to override this veto.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, would you like to close,
please, on your motion?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would.   Senator Ashford, what would
the...do you have a question, may you respond to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: You suggest...well I'll start once you get to
the microphone, you suggested that this $30,000 and $15,000
might have to be vetoed out of state aid to education. What is
the appropriate dollar figure for the state aid to education as
it sits on the Governor's desk at this moment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well I think you know it is $9 million,
Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: What would the figure be if she had to take

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