

there is some things that are exempted that ought to now to be included, whether there ought to be other exemptions, all of those kind of things and I think Senator Hefner, what he has found here is probably an error in drafting, that we didn't draft the bill to make it perfectly clear that this is an ongoing budget limitation. I'm going to support his amendment because I think it makes it clear and I think there may be some things, Senator Hall and I visited and, Senator Hefner, I think maybe you and I and Senator Hall and some others could get together between now and Select File on this legislation to maybe talk about other ways of doing this, but you have now I think the best proposal before us in making sure everybody understands that this is an ongoing budget limitation, so I'm going to support it and I'd hope the other colleagues would also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, would you care to speak to the amendment, followed by Senators Withem, Moore and Elmer.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think that the commission that Senator Withem headed on education the last couple of years was based mainly on the Kansas plan and the Kansas plan had a lid in it and it was an ongoing lid and what, I think Senator Withem said, it's a lid simply was set each year by the Legislature and I think maybe Senator Hefner has a good amendment. I plan to support his amendment. He has taken us...we're kind of saying to the public, we're going to do this for a three-year period and then we can look at the lid and see if that is realistic, so I rise to support that, but I think that was my intention as signing as one of the cosigners of this bill, is that there would be a lid. It would be ongoing and we would look at school financing of elementary and secondary schools each year and then set the lid, but I think what Senator Hefner is proposing with this amendment is to kind of...we will look at it down the road three years, and so with that I will support this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, on the amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: I support Senator Hefner's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, on the amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: Call the question.