

sunset in this bill? This amendment?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Senator, there is a two-year provision on this.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, I mean, quite simply what the Conway amendment says is that as we write out a \$211 million check, to answer the many critics of this bill, starting with...well, I won't even start naming, some of the critics of this bill that says there is no "guarantee" of property tax relief, this is just one way to further guarantee that. And, basically, it says we are going to write a \$211 million check, and for through the transition, for a two-year period, we are going to say those other...the other four of the big five, the big five being schools, cities, counties, tech colleges, and NRDs, and some of those are bigger brothers than others, we are going to say that those big five consumers of property tax dollar, we are, indeed, going to have a lid on all of them. Now, yes, the Conway amendment places a different type of lid on the other four, but it is a short-term lid, for two years, that, basically, helps us get us through the transition of shifting our burden of taxes, shifting it around from property to sales and income. I think the body just has to think about what it is that they want to do. I guess the one thing, if the Conway amendment fails, I would hope that the entities involved in the amendment, the cities, counties, NRDs, and tech colleges, would definitely be aware, because if the Conway amendment fails, we pass LB 1059, and those entities go out there with 10 to 15 percent increases in their budget, gobble up this money you are throwing out there, I can assure you, just speaking for myself, that I will copy a chapter that Senator Warner and the Governor gave us last year in a retroactive lid that was originally contained in LB 1130. So whatever happens with the Conway amendment, I can go either way, but if it fails, I certainly hope the message is loud and clear to those other subdivisions that, okay, if we don't put a lid on you, you are on your honor. But if you gobble up that money, you can expect something, you know, something a little bit prohibitive next year. So if it fails, I certainly hope those entities are very aware of the consequences, if they do not adhere to the spirit of tightening budgets. With that, I'd...we'll see what happens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.