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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I also support the Koch motion. I, too, have heard nothing but clamor for reduction in property tax. I have heard nothing, no complaints particularly about raising the sales-income tax if that becomes necessary and it will if we put the full sixty million into this program. I think this is an opportunity time to do it. I think we were promised last year that we would face up to state aid to education. We did absolutely nothing last year as you well remember and we wound up with a surplus in the treasury that no one seems to know what to do with. We argued about that, and with LB 486, I believe it is, passed with the formula that we will now live with, unless we get a substantial amount of money into this fund, many schools are going to lose. Even with the \$20 million that the Governor has agreed, we will only break even in many cases and I am not going to complain about that. You people voted for LB 882 today and left the escalator in for next year should we decide to fund it so I am going to support aid to education at the sixty million level because I think it is what we should do. I think it is what we need to do, and the surest way in the world that we will get any reduction from property tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker and fellow Senators, I would call for the question except I think I should vindicate myself somehow **today**. I have voted for every state aid bill that has come across the floor of this Legislature. I have voted to override Governor Exon's veto every time and I want you to know that the two times that we did override Governor Exon's veto, it went out to the people. The people circulated a petition and they overthrew it. They said we don't want mammoth state aid. We just want a little bit. And so for years we have given them just a little bit. Last year I supported a bill, introduced an amendment to a bill that put ten million in education. If that'd passed we would have had ten million off of property this year. Not off of property, yes, there would have been a credit on property. It may not have reduced the property but the property would not have went up but there was some kind of a deal worked out on the floor of this Legislature and I didn't approve of it and I didn't know about it. Now this year I see they have come in with twenty million and I am going to support the twenty million but I am going to tell you this, that if we was to put out a mammoth forty million more, it is my understanding and my feeling that