

year, there will be no credit given. That is one of the aspects of the taxing of food which has always made the state appear to be immoral. It is seeking windfalls. It is seeking to make money where it promised not to make money when it imposed the tax. It said solemnly, as solemnly as the state can, and I guess it was as honest as that when it wrote treaties with Indians in water, that we are going to establish a credit system which will ensure that you receive at the end of the year the amount of money that you paid as taxes on food knowing that there are certain people who would not file for the rebate, and true enough, thousands of people don't file. The only way you will see everybody filing is if you have the number of requests for that refund or that credit equal to the number of citizens in the state because every citizen in this state is entitled to that credit whether or not he or she is a taxpayer, whether or not he or she is an adult or a minor. That is never going to be the case so this state has started totaling that money, that ill-gotten gain, into the general fund amount and that indicates that the state never had any intention of doing what it promised to do. Now the sponsors of this bill are forced to go along with that ugly aspect of the sales tax on food, which is to say that the money paid in as taxes on food will not be given back as a credit this time to cushion the blow, to get this Shylockian Legislature, this Scrooge like Legislature to take this immoral tax off food. Now there are one or two other propositions I want to mention and I hope Senator Kahle will listen to this. Senator Kahle, Senator Carsten is your friend and Senator Carsten is my friend and he stood on the floor the other day and mentioned that what the Revenue Committee wants to do is take the whole taxing situation and look at it as a unit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Fine. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't take the tax off food now and the example I give to you, Senator Kahle, is this. If you had a terrible toothache and you couldn't get to the dentist until tomorrow and you called him and he said, "Well, Martin, I am going to have to extract that tooth because when I looked at it last time it was in pretty bad shape. Now there are substances that can give you immediate relief from that pain while we get you to the extraction,..."

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but since I am going to take out the