

petitions to put a lid on and if he puts that on the ballot, you better believe it is going to pass because those people out there are angry about their property taxes. They are angry and they are going to get angrier. They are in the mood to put on the ballot, shall there be a limit to the amount that can be raised and it will pass, unless we give them some property tax relief. And I think we should give them property tax relief. I do not feel we should resurrect 604. It was killed in the committee. Let's leave it there. We can work with 212. We can work something out in some other manner. But again, I repeat, if the Governor feels he can repeal LB 522, let's have at it. Let's see who can get the 25 votes. Sure, the counties had to make a choice. As I say, that or nothing but it's no compromise. We're getting nothing, absolutely nothing. So let's take what we already have and let's run with it. Then the rest of the pieces will fall into place. We don't have to give up everything. So I say vote no. Let's leave 604 right exactly where it is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NEWELL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. There's been a lot of talk about the 33 people that voted for this bill, LB 522, and I submit to you that the reason that that bill acquired that much support was because of the advanced date that it would take effect, July 1983, thinking that we would have time to reassess our fiscal integrity of the state during this session and to look at where the financial state of the nation would be and how we would have to deal with Nebraska's finances. If the beginning date was earlier than this session or at the beginning of this session, I tell you that that bill would not have passed. And now we have reassessed and we have looked at the state's financial picture and the Revenue Committee has worked very long and hard on this and even Senator Johnson, himself, who was committed and worked like the devil to get 522 passed last year has said, yes, we do have to pay attention to other factors. You know, we try to give property tax relief since I've been here five years ago. We have done all we could to raise the school aid, to raise the county aid, subdivision aid. We break our backs to think of and put in more millions into the pot and what has happened back in the local subdivisions? And what will happen if we give them the complete amount this year? Are they making plans to reduce the property tax? Are they making plans? No. Are they making plans to maybe take that money and do a little something that they've always wanted to do with it? Yes. So I submit to you that, you know, Senator Vickers said the property tax always..the property tax always serves the people or shouldn't, that our state sales and income tax should serve the people and the people services. But we know that property tax is the most