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to the homeowner?

SENATOR NEWELL: That is, that is correct. We are not going to be sending checks back to each and every homeowner. However, we did offer an amendment earlier to clarify just how this would be clarified. And what we do is we say that the statement shall include the amount of the tax exemption...

SENATOR FENGER: Right.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...and the amount that would otherwise be due and a statement that it's a state, that it's being paid for by the state. That's...

SENATOR FENGER: But it's, a total replacement then of property tax dollar for dollar to the counties so there be no loss of revenue to the political subdivisions. We will, in fact, for the first time be getting to use some sales and income tax for property tax relief.

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, sir.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise this afternoon in a somewhat peculiar position and I'm sure that if you looked at your bill book, you will notice that I voted against this bill in committee realizing full well that we probably were without question going to get the report that we got yesterday and that dollars were going to be at a premium. Also, hoping against hope, I suspect that somewhere along the line we were going to have some property tax relief somewhere in this session. As of today, that is not very evident other than possibly a couple of bills that are still to come before us for discussion. I have long felt that we needed to use and I think our hearings this summer told us quite plainly that sales and income tax should be used to a greater advantage and less property tax for the support of government. And