

it next year. That is what we've got to do.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I want to make it clear I am not advocating a sales tax on services. I don't know whether I should have given Senator Beutler that time or not. But I do want to make it clear that we are setting some policy. Did you notice that those people who were standing in opposition were mostly all on the Appropriations Committee even though generally they stand on this floor in February and March when it is nice and easy to do it and talk about property tax relief? I recall that day when we all wished that 994 had never been introduced, when we debated long and hard and how we had everybody standing up and saying, no, we don't want to put funds in for teacher stipends or we don't want to put funds in for these other things but, by golly, we think we think we ought to do it through state aid to education. We're interested in property tax relief. It is real easy to talk about that in February and in the early part of March but it is a little tough to talk about when it gets down to the...well, I won't use the term, but we've got a term out west we use when it gets down to this end of the session, when it gets down to the time when we really have to dig down into our gut and do it. Sure, we're setting some policy with 341. We are setting some policy that might even result in that unheard of thing of either increasing the tax base on the state level, as Senator Beutler indicated, or even raising the state's taxes, raising the state's taxes. Goodness sakes alive, but what would it be for? It would be to take the place of property taxes. We all go back home and tell the folks, yes, we know you've got a property tax problem but we'll deal with it manana. We will deal with it manana. Well you know I have been here six years and I'm getting tired of hearing about next year. I'm getting tired of hearing that empty talk. Yes, we'll do it some day and we are going to do it in a big way some day. We'll put a hundred million in it someday. Well, there is a lot of reasons to vote against this bill. There is a lot of reasons to vote against it, that is, if you want to hold the tax rates down to state level, vote against it. If you are afraid of having anything built-in for the appropriations next year that might provide some funds for property taxes,