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to about \$40 million dollars. I believe that we have offered some relief to the home owner. Some of the criticism last week was the fact it would increase the taxes to those with less advantage. I think this will be a very complimentary thing to the school aid bill that was passed last week. It's going to cost about \$4 million dollars more as I understand the figures. I think it's justified. I think that those of you that have been in the food buying business lately will find that certainly the lower income people find the larger percentage of their available resources are going to food and this will be a fair and equitable way to provide some kind of relief for those people that are less fortunate or less affluent. I certainly support Senator Chambers' motion.

PRESIDENT: Speaking order, Senators Simpson, Syas, Carpenter, Fred Carstens and Kelly. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I pose the motion to return the bill for the elimination of the tax on food. I think that we could go a long time. You're talking about the arguments pro and con. I would simply state a couple of facts that we should probably increase the credit and we have a bill to do such if we can get to it. Then it would have to be some increase again as the tax would raise in another year. One of the groups of poor people that we keep talking about that would be severely penalized if we put this amendment would be the old people that eat in cafes now and almost all their meals. They're not eating at home so they're going to cafes so then we're going to keep the tax on those people. And I think this would be more out of line than leaving the tax on and giving everyone the credit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just one short thing, Mr. President. There are a third of all the states in this nation who do this thing. Among them are New York, California, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as I can recall. This is not a new idea. This thing works or they couldn't do it. Now about the old people, they...this session and previously have been reasonably well taken care of. At least we've made the start and I would certainly think they would not object to paying an additional amount of money in some other source. This is a good bill. The Governor of this state a year ago advocated and I presume he advocates it now, I don't know that for sure. But I don't see how he could change his mind in a period of twelve months. This ought to be done. The cost of food is going almost beyond the ability of people to buy food in these areas. And I think Senator Chambers has an excellent idea. The bill ought to be passed and ought to be put into effect and sent over to the Governor for his signature. I'm sure he'll sign it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, have I called on you yet? I apologize. You had your (inaudible) sooner. Senator from Hastings. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm going to vote to bring the bill back so Senator Chambers has his chance to discuss the matter. I prefer, however, amendments to LB632 which will increase the food tax credit and I have amendments prepared to do this to increase it this session and then increase it after January. Partially to counteract the criticism if you want to put it that way in regard to the state aid to education.