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convert that money into a more targeted tax relief program. Now that tax relief program has been proposed by Governor Thone's proposal. We have got Senator DeCamp and his colleagues' proposal. We have had other discussions about tax relief programs that would be, I think, far superior to the program we now have. This program at \$17.00 per person, I think, is an administrative nightmare having to take all these forms and files and provide for each and every homeowner this sort of program, when in the end the relief is so small, it is so minor and it is so insignificant. So the feeling is, let's cut out this four million dollars that isn't effectively dealing with the property tax problems in this state, and let's revert that into another program that does a better job of providing what we need in this state and that is a good property tax relief program. I offer the amendment for Senator Marsh and myself.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really believe that what Senator Wesely and Senator Marsh is trying to do at this time is very objectionable as far as I am concerned. Yes, we will be saving at least 4.1 million dollars, but so often in the last year we have heard so much talk that we should be giving direct property tax relief to the homeowners. Instead, what we are going to do, we are going to increase their taxes by this vote by approximately 17 to 20 dollars, and it doesn't sound like very much when it goes across the board to those that don't need it, but we are also talking about adopting Senator Warner's amendment, which would probably save another eight million dollars. That eight million dollars was going to under 65 year age people of low income, those that are having it very difficult to maintain their own homes. Now we are going into the General Homestead which would take away the 17 to 20 dollars that everyone gets. If anything, and I agree with Senator Venditte, this Homestead Exemption that everyone gets should possibly be raised. Now I know there are plans for all this money to be put into state aid, and I am not one to say that I am totally against state aid as long as we can keep the mill levy where it should be. Now we all know also that there is in the making a petition drive that will keep the property tax at one and a half percent of actual value. At that point state aid would be very, very valuable and very necessary, but at this point in time I don't think this is the year after everyone was increased more than double and sometimes triple on their property tax, that we should come along this year of all times and say that we are also going to take away your twenty dollars. If anything,

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