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been intended for schools and where I think they should have staid. I think this money should have staid in the permanent school fund where it was before last year. At least I think it should be transferred to the...if nothing else to the school aid so that all schools can benefit by it. Now we are taking some of these funds to finance this program here. The handout that came out just a few moments ago indicated maybe a tax credit of a quarter of a million but I think that the program was written with the intent that it would save approximately a million dollars a year in tax exemptions. That is tax loss to the government and somebody else has to pay the taxes. I think we are getting carried away with tax exemptions. Somebody has to pay the taxes. So if you exempt me if I put in solar energy, somebody else is going to have to pick up the bill. I think the loss to the treasury is going to be considerable, and if we look at the bill that was introduced, the estimates that were put along with it, a million dollars a year if the program is as good as they say it is, that would be a million dollars a year loss to general...to the general fund revenue. I think it is a type of thing that most of us have been agreeing the last couple years that we have had enough of government trying to tell us what to do, people are not that stupid. I think they can make these decisions on their own and they will pay for them and as I repeated and as I repeat again it does not help the poor because they are not going to be doing these things. And I feel this bill should be defeated. I wish to withdraw my amendment and hope that we will vote against the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is withdrawn. At this time I would like to introduce Senator Bob Murphy, former Senator Murphy, from South Sioux City who is under the north balcony. Senator Murphy. Please read the bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 799 on Final Reading.)

SENATOR LAMB: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 1998 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 33 ayes, 14 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

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