

Haberman, are you going to speak on the motion or is Senator Lamb? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, you have circulated and it is on your desk the motion to bracket this bill until May 1 and it is signed by a number of senators. The reason for this motion is that some of us have some other bills in the hopper which would require an increase in the sales tax statewide, and although there are no people or very few people listening, I will continue. It seems to me that it is logical to delay this bill until we have made some decisions, not only about property tax relief statewide but also about the budget. You are all well aware of the fact that the budget bills are pushed back to the end of the session so that we all know where we stand before we vote on them. I submit that we should do the same with this bill so that we have a better idea of where we want to go before all the money is gone frankly. You are going to have some people here in Lincoln that are going to be very happy, very satisfied because they are pretty much assured of the extra half cent sales tax which will in fact be property tax in Lincoln, property tax relief in Lincoln, and there then will not be an overwhelming sentiment among some of the legislators to accomplish property tax relief statewide. Now we can debate, we can debate whether or not the proposal by...or the method by which we operate in regard to appropriation bills is correct. Some people think we should pass those on Final Reading as we go along, but it has been the policy of this body to wait until the end. Now some people may say this is not relevant in that this is not an appropriation bill but I see it being a similar situation because we are talking about money. We are talking about contributing a significant amount toward the problems in one section of the state. And while a majority of that money will probably be contributed by the people here, it will be shared somewhat on the statewide level. How much time do I have to finish out my ten minutes?

SPEAKER NICHOL: About seven minutes left.

SENATOR LAMB: About seven minutes, that is a long time. I think at this point, since I don't have a big audience, I will just leave it at that. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.