

increasing that considerably even though we are, at the same time, saying are we really willing to fund the one we already have. Now the total, counting that \$18.3 million with that \$3,000 exemption, we have about \$44 million in homestead exemptions, low income, veterans homestead, all the homesteads lumped together amounts to about \$44 million which, I submit, is a considerable sum. I would suggest that we leave it at that point and go on toward a broader property tax relief program which can also be financed by a one percent sales tax. I have no objection to the committee amendment to LB 712. But I just wanted to draw your attention to the fact that this bill has some short comings which will be further debated.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a division of the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. How do you want to divide it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would prefer that number two was dealt with separately, and that number five was dealt with separately, and the remainder I am not concerned about.

CLERK: Senator, may I...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, just so we are in sync...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pat, I'm sorry. You were saying?

CLERK: When you say Section 2, Senator, I assume you are talking about Section 2 that reads "That Section 77-2713.2 be amended to read, etc.?"

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, and I think Senator Vickers has some other ideas also. Let me say again that for myself on part one which deals with Section 5, part one, Section 5, I would like to have set out separately.

CLERK: Is that the only division you want then, Senator?