

offered by this bill. I would suggest that we should oppose the amendment and, in fact, then support the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you close please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I think it is interesting the discussion this morning. I think it's going to be interesting when we see the vote. I think it's going to be an indication that in 1985 the same thing probably is going to happen that has happened every year that I've been down here and that is that we will not, in the end, raise the funds to provide any property tax relief to the folks in this state. Maybe it is because we can't agree on how to distribute it. But I suspect it is because we are not as serious as sometimes we talk about. I guess I just believe that if we create a fund, and we call it the property tax relief fund, I think it does have some direction. Senator Pirsch said it wouldn't tell her what it was going to be used for. Well, it is going to be used for property tax relief. Then we are going to have to seriously begin the process of determining how we are going to provide that relief once we have some funds to use. I think what this is is an indication of the frustration of this body to try to deal with this issue over the last seven years and longer, frustration because of our desire to try to do something and yet understanding that it is going to be difficult to do simply because, number one, you have to raise the funds and, number two, then figure out the way to disperse it that makes some sense. I guess I think those are two issues. I'm willing to deal with them one at a time. I urge the adoption of this amendment, Mr. President. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority rules. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have any other amendments to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Nothing further to the second portion of the committee amendments, Mr. President.