

philosophically believe that a direct rebate back to the taxpayer is the way to go. Make the decision now instead of carrying it on later into the session. I think it would be a much cleaner operation.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I don't know...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a second, we have an amendment to the bill, probably ought to throw that in first. Amendment to...Is it to the bill? Oh, it's to the bill, excuse me. All right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Not to worry. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I don't know when Senator Lamb and I have been in sync for so long as we have on this issue because Senator Lamb is absolutely correct. It is important for this Legislature to make choices. It is important that the choices be made as they are regularly scheduled to come up. You know I don't want to say...I don't want to advance LB 712 to Select File, and also advance LB 38 to Select File, and also to advance LB 397 to Select File, waiting for that choice to somehow evolve. I want to deal with them one at a time and deal with them in a yeoman like fashion. I'm going to ask you to support LB 712 in the end because it is a good bill. It's a bill that we ought to support. We'll argue it out and if it goes down in flames then you've made a choice. I'm going to ask you to support LB 38. I'm not going to support LB 38 because I don't think that is a good measure of property tax relief. But you are going to be asked to vote on it. If it goes down in flames, it goes down in flames. Then you're going to be asked to deal with LB 397, or some reasonable facsimile thereto, as a state aid bill. If it goes down in flames, it goes down in flames. In the end you only have the fingers to point back to yourself on property tax relief because you are going to get choices. This body is going to get choices as to what is to be done. But the first thing I would like to at least have the opportunity to do is to put the bills in reasonable, conceptual form. I'm just doing that with 712 now by saying we, the Revenue Committee, think that all of these property tax relief bills should have a dedicated tax source. We think that. We think the dedicated tax source should be a one cent sales tax. That is what we think. If you reject