

that, then it means that you don't want a dedicated tax source. you simply want to increase tax rates, income tax rates, and corporate tax rates, and sales tax rates, and fees, etc., to fund property tax relief. We support a dedicated tax source because a dedicated tax source makes it clear, at all times, the kind of level of property tax relief that will be available. I think you should vote for this amendment to LB 712 which will dedicate one cent of the sales tax to property tax relief.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, some of us have refrained from getting into this, but I guess that there comes a time when everybody needs to jump in. Now you hear Senator Lamb saying do support this, don't support this, and Senator Johnson saying, gee, finally we are together conceptually, and Senator Labeledz has her own ideas. For some of you this is a little bit like getting in that boat and pushing away from the shore, and the boat is out there in the water, and you are saying, gee, I guess something should be done. So all of a sudden a little wind comes up and you find your oars gone and you think, well, there is only one way to get this boat back to shore and that is to jump in the water. You jump in the water and you open your eyes and, lo and behold, it is the muddiest water you've ever seen, so now how do you make your decision. I think that is kind of where some of us are. We've jumped off into the water, in this property tax issue, some of you haven't had a chance to think about it thoroughly because you've been working on your own legislation, and you know these issues are out there. They are floating around, they are out there. You are going to have to make a decision. So I guess I'm a little bit with Senator Lamb, I'm a little bit with Senator Johnson. I don't think you're going to have to make that final decision today. I think you can move this along. I think when you come up to the top of the water and gasp for air things will clear up. I think that as the issues begin to evolve you will begin to see more clearly just what it is that is out there. So I would suggest to you that, yes, you can dedicate to this particular bill, 712, and, yes, you can dedicate to Senator Lamb's bill, 38, and then you can decide just which way you want to go, after you've had a chance to come up and look around, and shake the mud out of your hair and your eyes, or whatever it is. So don't be afraid, for you new people, to