

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, in general I support the committee amendments and this one that I have is really I think noncontroversial. All it says is the fund...the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in carrying out the provisions of this act. In other words, what I am saying is, the one cent dedicated to this property tax relief fund will be used to fund the expenses incurred by the Department of Revenue in carrying out the act. So there will not be a general fund burden by this bill. With that I guess, I think that is a sufficient explanation. I did not think this would be controversial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on the Lamb amendment? Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I think that Senator Lamb's amendment is a wise amendment to the committee amendments and I would support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on the amendment...the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lamb, was the issue debated or talked about by the committee of having the county refund this money instead of the state?

SENATOR LAMB: That is not in the bill. The county would not refund the money. The way it would work is that the taxpayer would pay the money to the county and then get a direct rebate from the state.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Was the issue discussed in the committee to have the county give the rebate instead of the state?

SENATOR LAMB: That may have been discussed. I am not a member of that committee so I am not familiar with all the discussions.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, I will ask Senator Johnson.