

about ten times benefit, ten time benefit to the big units. That is why I say reject his amendment. If you do that, it is not property tax relief for the average person. It is not property tax relief for the real hurt person which is the homeowner. It is a special program to give about a \$100 million or most of a hundred million to a very limited and narrow group of individuals and eventually I hope we can do that. I hope we can almost eliminate property tax. But this goes back to the old personal property tax deal. You give one guy some relief and eventually you are going to shift it over to the homeowner again and move from 3 percent of actual value you are paying taxes up to probably 3.5 in the next two to three years. Then you will be back here doing the same thing trying to unravel the mess you have made. Senator Arlene Nelson put a pretty decent amendment. It still favors the larger one, the larger unit, but it is sure as heck better than this other device. Hers is 20 percent with a \$400 cap. I guess I would more prefer to see it 25 percent and \$250 or 30 and \$300, or even 20 and \$200. But don't accept the amendment, otherwise, like he says, you might as well kill the bill if you accept his amendment. And with respect to the penny and how much it will raise, I have got an amendment that specifically says, you are only going to use a penny. That is going to be a separate deal. So there isn't any invasion of the general fund. There isn't any shortfall because you pro rate the penny. If the penny can only generate X number of dollars and that won't provide the \$400 cap, you move it down automatically to 280, 300, 350. Whatever the penny generates, that is the only amount you use. And as I said, I have got that amendment up there. That amendment will work fine with Arlene Nelson's plan. I still wish we could talk her into a little more reasonable number, but, you know, I'm a realist. Compromise is a compromise. I assume, having been successful at least at this point in getting that into the bill, she will be reasonable enough to support the bill then the rest of the way so we can at least get one-fifth, one-fifth of all the property taxes paid by the average homeowner will be eliminated under her plan.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: And I guess I think that is as good as we can get, maybe, and we ought to accept that and to do that we have to reject my good friend Howard Lamb's amendment.