

amendments? Senator Lamb or Senator DeCamp, you both have your lights on. Do you want to talk on the committee amendments, Senator Lamb? No. Senator DeCamp, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, very briefly. It takes 25 vote to adopt the committee amendments. The committee amendments are the 10 percent and a 1,000. I can't imagine...I can't imagine a Legislature passing this and just slapping the homeowner in the face. Therefore, I would respectfully urge you to reject, vote against the committee amendments and do in the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Lamb, did you wish to talk about it?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. Mr. President and members, the committee did a lot of good work on this bill. It is in better shape than when it was first introduced and I am appreciative of that. Also, the Department of Revenue has been working on this bill. They are working on methods by which the bill can be implemented and I appreciate the work that the Department of Revenue has been doing and is doing. I submit that this is in the form that the Revenue Committee as adopted on the floor, as amended here on the floor is a form that we can support. It is fair across the board. It is a 10 percent rebate with a \$1,000 cap. I ask that the committee amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner. Senator Warner. Senator Labedz, do you want to go while Senator Warner is on the phone, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, in the nine years that I have been here I have worked and hoped for property tax relief and a direct credit or payment to the homeowner, especially the homesteader. What we have now is something that is absolutely unacceptable as far as I am concerned. In my district and most of the area, including Senator Hall, Senator Higgins and myself, I consider that South Omaha, we are looking at a credit of anywhere from \$60 or \$80 on the property that are...property owners that are living there. And at the same time I am asking them or telling them that we are going to increase the sales tax by one cent, which in Omaha would make 6 percent. I am not upset about the city sales tax. I