

state aid, at this point I find myself on the losing side of LB 38, I find myself on the losing side of 712. I do not have a mechanism to give property tax relief. I have a historical precedence for the use of state aid. I believe we can put in a lid in say 505 that will mean that we will be able to get very close to dollar for dollar property tax relief. That to me is what my constituency tells me they want. I am ready to deliver it to them today in this form and I am prepared to vote for the language in the bill, and for that reason, I oppose the Wesely amendment. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Harris.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,...

PRESIDENT: You have three minutes on his time.

SENATOR HARRIS: ...I want to make a couple of very quick comments just to make sure that everyone understands my position and what I am encouraging you to do. Number one, I voted against putting in the future funding so as not give a misrepresentation of what I had in mind. Number two, that if I end up supporting this bill and voting to advance it, and you all know it is very close, it will be with the thought in mind that that is an obligation that we are going to be facing in the future even though we haven't fully funded it in the way that I would like to do. We still have said we are talking about a one cent sales tax increase in the future and I will consider that as an obligation on myself and I think you should consider it likewise for future legislation such as LB 505. So I rise to support the return of the bill and to strike the sections that deal with the state aid issue in LB 662. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall the debate cease on the Wesely amendment to 552 (sic)? Please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate. Please record your vote. The Chair will allow 15 seconds