

of work we need to do for transportation programs, Senator Beyer. The truth of the matter is that this is a direct expenditure of tax dollars through a tax credit. The energy tax credit not only should not be extended until 1992, it should be repealed effectively this year so that that giveaway of state tax dollars is stopped. In your packet, in your blue packet of material, this handy, dandy, revenue raising blue packet, you will find a letter dated February 19, 1985, to Senator Don Wesely, Senator Wesely, and that letter describes very carefully how bad the solar energy tax credit is today. It's been very, very difficult for our good old Department of Revenue to monitor because our solar energy tax credit is not identical to the federal tax credit and we can't simply piggyback onto the federal tax credit system. So we again are losing a lot of money on a tax credit that has outlived its usefulness. Do not give away \$1.6 million, be protective, be frugal, be prudent. Stop this amendment and stop the program.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Chronister. Senator Chronister, are you available or do you care not to speak?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Lamb and members, I have supported the solar tax credits and I think they have been a useful tool to encourage people to find alternative energy sources, but I do have a question for Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, while we do not piggyback on the federal tax credits, when is there cutoff date? Do you recall?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, the federal credits.

SENATOR PIRSCH: The federal credits.

SENATOR WESELY: If I remember right they are supposed to end after this year, but there was a talk of extending it to 1992 just as we are talking of extending ours to 1992. We tried...if I could just take one minute, I don't want to