

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I wasn't going to talk again on this bill but I thought I had just as well since we still have a little over an hour before we break for lunch. But I am committed to property tax relief this year and I think a lot of us are, and if we let this amendment get on, we are not going to see any property tax relief. We are not going to see any property tax relief this year because LB 662 won't take effect until 1987. So I would suggest to you that you defeat this. I think the Governor made a mistake by signing LB 662. I certainly opposed 662 because I didn't think that we wanted to ram this down these small schools' throat. I can't figure out Senator Vickers, Senator Johnson and some of the others that are committed to additional state aid to schools or at least property tax relief in some form. We know that LB 38 isn't going to move. We know that Senator Johnson's homestead exemption bill isn't going to move. The Appropriation Committee hasn't funded the bill that we passed last year or two years ago allowing every property owner a \$3,000 exemption. So this is the only bill left that we can receive some property tax relief. And so I would just say, analyze this, think about it and vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, please. You are the last one, Senator Nelson, so I appreciate it. Thank you.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this has been an interesting discussion. All I can tell you is I hope that you were all listening to Senator DeCamp and to Senator Withem and to Senator Chambers because I agree with all of them. They were all right. Senator DeCamp says that we have never taken this step before. We have never got it in law before and he is right. Senator Withem says we have never had a Governor telling the Legislature before, I want to work with you to provide property tax relief through state aid to education, and he is right. Senator Chambers says that it shouldn't be any secret that people meet and talk about issues, and he is right. Senator Hefner says that he wonders why it is that some of us who have supported