

SENATOR WARNER: Right. It went from \$5,400, took \$54 off.

SENATOR LAMB: You know, for those of you who are new in this body...

SENATOR WARNER: (Interruption) keep the whole thing, Howard.

SENATOR LAMB: This is the only A bill I have ever had in my nine years here. However, they are only cutting it by \$54 out of the \$5,375 so I am going to recommend that this amendment be adopted, magnanimously.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: We appreciate your generosity, Senator Lamb. Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator DeCamp gave the outline of what is going to happen. It is going to increase our property tax and we debated and we debated and we debated that we had to help property tax, yet look what we are doing. We are increasing it. It is crazy and yet early in the session we passed a half cents sales tax for Lincoln, the people of Lincoln voted it, it passed. They won't be hurt because they can use that money to help their county and their city and it will give them relief in property tax. I want the body to know that they are going to get this, yet are they willing to see to it that the balance of the state gets some help. I wonder. Thank you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Beutler please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, once again I would like to support the Warner amendment. Just a couple of points for you to think about in addition to what has already been mentioned. One would be that one of the struggles that we are having this session is to retain that \$6.8 million of property tax relief that is represented by the third stage of the county Medicaid takeover by the state. So we are fighting very hard and trying to reduce the appropriations to retain that amount. There is then an effort to retain some property tax relief even though this does represent arguably depending on how the counties react or how the school districts react a decrease in property tax relief. The other thing that I wanted to mention is the fact that, you know, I think again