

state employees from having access to the CIR.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I guess I don't quite understand the structure problem that Senator Warner is referring to because it seems to me that the structure is pretty...if it is unstructured at the state level, it is unstructured at the local level as well. Once that CIR decision comes down to a local school board, or a local board of governors, they only have one choice. I don't know as they have a whole lot of structure as far as direction in the statutes is concerned. The difference between them and us is that they raise the taxes through the property taxes rather than us. That is the structure difference, it seems to me. As far as the economic impact that I'm talking about, it's not the economic impact to the employee. Senator Warner is correct. I am not talking about the economic impact of the employee. I think he misunderstood. No, nobody brought it to me, I did it on my own. I just simply think that if we are concerned because I think the economic impact that I'm talking about is to those of us who would have to raise the funds, if, in fact, a CIR decision came down that we perhaps had not anticipated. It seems to me that we'd have no choice, and I think Senator Warner is correct in that, that we could be in a situation where we'd be forced to do something we hadn't planned on doing. My only argument is that we have been doing that to the local political subdivisions for years. We have been doing that to the local political subdivisions for years. It is not bad. I don't argue that it is bad. I don't argue the CIR is not a good idea. I think it has gone a long ways towards solving a lot of disputes that have arisen over the years. I think Nebraska had ought to be proud of the fact that we have a mechanism whereby other states do not, and have walks-outs and all those kinds of things and all those kind of difficulties. We don't have that. But, by the same token, I guess what I'm really saying is because I think the structure is pretty much the same, that is we'll have to raise the taxes, the local political subdivisions have to raise their taxes, only at a different source, that what is sauce for the goose seems to me to be sauce for the gander. I ask yourself, I ask each of you to read that language and to justify in your own mind, as I pointed out to you earlier, that there are many people across this state