

income tax rate and a 3.5 percent sales tax rate. But this morning I think it is whether we want to keep our word or not, whether we want to keep our word to local government, and I think we should. I think we should keep our word and override the Governor's veto and then go ahead and pass the new proposal that will be before us.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, do you wish to speak on the motion? Senator Morehead. You are not in order. Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, I appreciate your waiting at this particular time. This is a difficult issue and Senator DeCamp has pointed out the fact that we are looking at decisions on down the line. It isn't just this one decision. But along with several other people in here, at this particular time I am going to have to vote to override. I am going to have to vote to override because it is like another issue that we faced earlier on, several other issues we faced earlier on where we have the statutes on the book. We have this commitment. I hear constant input from my district that they do not want any more pressure on property taxes and a vote not to return this to the county impacts one of my counties at \$119,000. Now, that is a lot of dollars in a county budget. I agree that we need to look at this program and I am happy that the Governor introduced a bill because it is obvious that a 26 percent growth in a program is not acceptable. Many of the elderly in my district do also express to me that this is one program that they would be, I can't say happy to give up, but it is one area that they certainly would consider giving up in relation to all the other taxing methods. One reason that I think we need to look at it is not just for the elderly but I think that it is putting a tremendous pressure on our young taxpayers. I know we are all very sympathetic to the elderly and the people that we perceive to be on this range of life, this continuum of life. We want to assist them in any and all ways possible but I do think that we need to be considering our young taxpayers too and I know that the burden of pressure on these young people trying to get into their first homes or maintain their first homes and raise and educate their families is unbelievable right now, along with the federal government's demands on their paychecks. Anything that we can do for them in helping them to maintain their homes and raise their families in homes and to own property is very, very