

average estimated household homestead exemption will be?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Could you tell me that?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, Senator Pirsch, I think you know the answer to that as well.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Would you refresh my memory?

SENATOR ABOUD: Did you discuss this in the Revenue Committee at all, Senator Pirsch?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Not that I recall. This is an honest question. Somewhere in my mind I think of \$75, but I don't know if that is what you are thinking of.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, according to my fiscal note in my white committee statement, there is no answer on that. So I really couldn't...all I see is the figures that I have in front of me, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Johnson isn't here. Senator Hefner isn't here. Yes, well, okay. Somewhere in my memory \$75 seems to be about the average figure and just to give a little history since I have been here, we have tried to give property tax relief every year. We have picked up municipal courts. We have given more state aid to education. We have done numerous, numerous things to give property tax relief. I disagree with you when you say that we do not catch the heat for property tax. We do and I think we have to repeat again and again to the citizens, we don't collect property tax, we don't spend property tax and really the only true relief to rising property taxes is to those people who do collect and do spend them. But, nevertheless, we have tried and tried again through the indirect method to give property tax relief and we finally came to the conclusion in 1984 that property tax relief from the subdivisions was not going to come. So, we wanted to do something for those citizens to give them property tax relief directly and we truly meant it and I voted for it because I truly meant it. I was convinced that that was the only way they were going to get property tax relief. But, we have had some unusual circumstances. It is not business as usual in the state and it's certainly not spending as usual for the state. Cuts