

But her letter is not unique. There are so many people who feel threatened, that they've worked all their lives and they've got their home and their taxes are maybe...she says her taxes are \$150 a month, so you can multiply as quickly as I can, you see how much she's paying, it's probably not an enormous home or anything. But...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...\$100 of that per month goes to the school system, and that's the way it is. I don't know how it is in other school districts, but 60, 65 percent of our tax money that we pay on our real estate taxes goes to the school system. And we are proud of our schools in Lincoln. We do have good schools. My children grew up in a smaller town, went to a school system that had very little money, and they all learned to read, write, do math for a lot less money than it costs now, but again that was 30 years ago, that's a different age. And we have to look at what the schools are up against and what the federal government has mandated to the states, and what the states have mandated to the schools to do. So I'm going to support 1114. I have terrible reservations about 299; 299, I think, is worse than 1114 on the impact. And I won't support the sales tax, I wish we could. But the other...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the other half of the sales tax is we have to be concerned about...so we send it back to the schools. But who decides who gets how much of it? Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I rise to oppose the Beutler amendment for the following reasons. As you begin to talk to people about property taxation and what the problems are, and the coffee shop conclusion usually is for those who feel the property tax is a crisis just raise those sales and income taxes, and our property taxes are going to go down. I shake my head, I say, well, it isn't quite that simple. Well, sure it is, they say; all you got to do is raise that sales tax; everybody likes to pay it anyway, and they pay it a little bit; it's one of those taxes