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to propose it and to pass it this session, and that it should be more carefully considered. We have had other proposals that have dealt with the whole question of Homestead Exemptions dealing with rent relief, with the spendable income versus the taxable income, and these changes are not incorporated in this proposal as such. I think that this proposal is flawed, and so to pass this proposal....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY:thank you....so to pass this proposal without careful consideration, without thorough examination, I think, would be a mistake, because it came in late, it wasn't, I think, thoroughly considered by all individuals involved. It is not put together in the best fashion and I believe that we ought to reconsider over the interim and come back next year with a property tax relief program that really gets the job done in the best fashion possible. That is not presently a part of this proposal and so I think we ought to vote for the Warner amendment, support the Warner amendment and then pass LB 647.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would like to start with....Senator Labedz, could I ask you a couple of questions on the....

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: When we talk about the people under age 65 with the adjusted gross income that you are indicating in your schedule, how many people in the State of Nebraska are we talking about?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well that is going to be very difficult for me to tell you because it is low income. You may be low income this year. You may lose your job one year and be off...be eligible the one year and the following year go back on the tax rolls because of your financial status, so it is very difficult to....we do know that according to the State Department of Revenue's figures it would cover about eight million dollars worth of people under 65 that are under Social Security or low income at the present time.

SENATOR FOWLER: How many people did the Department of Revenue say that was?

SENATOR LABEDZ: They didn't say. They just gave the figures.