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little increase, that 2 1/2% increase, it would take the full 3% and put it into the weatherization fund. Now that means moving monies that constitutionally had gone into the permanent school land fund into the weatherization fund. I think that is a policy that we really ought to understand and know because that does represent a fairly significant policy change in the use of the severance tax by the body. Secondly, incidentally I should tell you that when I did vote for the DeLong amendments I was pretty much aware as to what was going on and I was sort of torn in delivering that particular vote or in having that particular vote because while I very strongly support, I really strongly support every way that the state can take to assist our citizenry in making their homes and their properties more energy efficient. I have always had a great deal of sympathy for another income tax credit. At this time we have only got one income tax credit and that is the food-sales tax credit and we have no other income tax credits. We do have one bill, I think, which is up on Final Reading one of these times to establish our second income tax credit but this bill, if it were to pass in its existing form, would establish a third income tax credit. Now the Revenue Committee really has done a yeoman's job over the last several years in resisting the entreaties of various and sundry groups and people that have come before it asking for an income tax credit. We have tried to hold our income tax code unscathed, so to speak, without establishing new credits and done a good job. We had a similar bill in the Revenue Committee two years ago to establish an income tax credit for those who did use alternate energy devices and we decided in the end to not to advance the bill. I believe we killed the bill mainly because we were opposed, mind you, to what the state assistance to those who wanted to or who spent the money to make their homes and their properties more energy efficient but more because we felt that philosophically in terms of protecting the sanctity of an income tax code, we really ought to resist the entreaties of those who wanted another credit. So at this time, given the kind of change that is going to effect, to wit, it is going to totally redirect our severance tax and in addition it is going to make another break in the dike or breach in the dike, so to speak, on the credit side of the income tax code, I would have to support the Remmers amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, we went through this discussion previously and at that time my position pretty much supported that of Senator Remmers. In fact, when I recall, Senator Remmers was pretty much supportive of my position. However, since the time that bill