

to make them up from local sources if they so desire.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Koch, members of the Legislature, Mr. Chairman, I have always been against the lid in the first place. I have been in favor of any bill that would weaken the lid and even more in favor of one that would repeal it. I would not try to do anything with your bill other than what you want to do except if we had more days I would try, since it is going to be stripped of all dignity, to strip it of everything else and use it instead as a bill to repeal the sales tax on food. That would make everybody happy. It would please the Governor who says that it is costing more to rebate the credit. We could forget about the lid discussion altogether and let the hue and cry from the public become a little stronger so that we could act on it next year and we would be given a bill that would have some substance and value to the public and that could vindicate to some extent the legitimacy of the legislative process. But Senator Koch said he is getting tired of the courage. I think what he means is that he is getting tired of standing alone. Every time he sticks his head out there he gets it smashed and he doesn't have much company in his misery. I am very familiar with that situation but I have to tell him that as long as you take those kinds of issues you can expect that kind of result. But the thing that is very distressing to me is that as soon as the Governor rears his ugly head in the legislative process everybody cuts and runs. The bill has to change to placate the Governor so we don't have a Legislature anymore. We have one bully who is buffaloing the whole body with the exception of one, myself. I will let others speak for themselves. I heard that in my absence it was decided that the last day of the Legislature would be June 5 so that there could be an attempt to go through the charade of pretending to try to override the Governor's vetoes. I am totally opposed to that waste of time. You are not going to override anything but what I wish that Senator Koch would do today is to not, not bow in this fashion. There has to be somebody else in this body who can look these threatening individuals in the eye without blinking. We are a Legislature. We are to represent the public and if it was felt that the best interest of the public would necessitate a bill like 352, that is the one that we ought to fight for. I will say it again so it is clear. We only have three days so I am not going to mess with Senator Koch's bill but I can't bring myself to vote for his amendment and I want him to understand why. It would be a sacrifice of a principle in this particular