

one-third, one-third tax system, one-third income tax, one-third sales tax, and one-third property tax. Well, right now our property tax system is way out of kilter in relationship to our sales and income tax. In fact, approximately fifty-five percent of all government in this state is supported by the property tax. This measure that Senator Kahle has advanced very faithfully, very doggedly, year in and year out, is an incremental measure designed to provide more and more property tax to our citizens, property tax relief to our citizens. I would encourage you, I would hope you would see fit to muster the thirty votes to really do what is right, and what is right simply is to continue to find ways of reducing the property tax load in this state. Yesterday we amended the lid law, LB 352, and we amended it in one very small way, and that is to make federal receipts now a part of the lid. Now you and I know what is going to happen with federal receipts. They are going to decline, and as they decline, our local governments are going to feel compelled to pick up some of that loss, and when they pick it up, they will pick it up in their primary revenue source which is the property tax. So property tax expenditures will rise. It is only fitting that we at least reduce property tax load on this end so there could be some possible offset, and as we do that, we at least will maybe keep from inheriting the whirlwind, so to speak, of a bona fide populace fundamental taxpayer revolt. I certainly urge you to vote for the override.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, and then Senator Warner, and then Senator Nichol. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to support the override of LB 39. As has been pointed out many times on this floor, the entire tax burden of the people of the State of Nebraska needs to be taken into consideration by the members of this Legislature, not just the tax burden that they might pay for sales and income taxes. My constituents and I think the majority of the people of the State of Nebraska are willing to pay property taxes for those things that they can see a direct correlation to their property for. I think Senator Kahle has brought out a real good issue with LB 39. The Medicaid costs that property taxpayers are being asked to bear obviously have no correlation back to the property that pays the taxes. I thought it was interesting when I read the Governor's message, the veto message on LB 39. He made two statements that I think need to be repeated and that we need to examine. First of all, there is one sentence that says,