

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Property taxes have not gone down. I agree with that. I have no problems with that. I do understand that many of the amendments that would be offered later, if given the opportunity, would have some sort of guarantee, whether it'd be they would have to count as a receipt, maybe it would be a lid. I don't know what it would be but there would have to be a guarantee put in and we could do that in this body. We could do that in this body. A couple of other comments I would have in closing, one of the things I have found very intriguing in all legislative bodies is that we take a simple concept, and the concept is just taking a stand, people, just taking a stand in a difficult political situation, and in order to finagle out of the taking of that stand, we will create as many obstacles as we can find to confuse the issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I hope we don't let those obstacles get in the way of what we need to do today. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I rise to support the rules suspensions, and I would agree with a number of things my colleague, Senator Stevens, said. You know I think it is somewhat interesting that I have heard comments this morning that \$50 million will really address no issue. I am not sure that that is an accurate statement, anymore than the \$18 million income tax refund will address an issue. The point, people, is we have a problem in this state. We are roughly 49th as it applies to state aid to education. There are a number of issues that will address this overall problem that will ultimately be before this body. I think it is somewhat ironic that there is a large corporation in this state who must subsidize their employees in order to get them to agree to come to Nebraska to work. They have agreed to subsidize their employees to the tune of two to three thousand dollars a year for a two or three year period because of the property tax problem in this state in order to even get them here. Now, colleagues, you know as well as I do, you have heard the property tax problem from one end of this state to the other. My colleagues who represent a portion of the Millard