

SENATOR ELMER: And Rex isn't here to provide that amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, he apologized for not being able to be here today, Senator Elmer, but on Select File he said he would.

SENATOR ELMER: Sometimes these counties out there are faced with this kind of a situation. They are unable to pay it. Their tax base will not allow it. They are up against their caps. Is the county going to go bankrupt or are we going to help them? I think that this kind of a bill is overdue. We talk about property tax relief. We talk about doing things that can really help the people out there that are in need. This looks like both, help people, at the same time, give some relief to property tax. I intend to support this legislation. Thank you, Senator Lynch.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise, I guess I am not one that cries wildly supporting this bill. Now we all know as with all A bills, this will wait until the end of session before we will actually have a chance to vote on it, when we consider everything that is going to cost us money, but I have a few questions for Senator Lynch, I guess is the person I want to ask them to.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, would you respond?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Just so I am clear on this, and I honestly ask these questions I don't know the answers to, and I would like to have them answered on the record. Now if we pass LB 187, are additional people...is there more services provided to more people than are presently being covered?

SENATOR LYNCH: More services will be paid for than are not being paid for, but the services probably will stay about the same, Senator.

SENATOR MOORE: But as far as, morally, if I want to help indigent people, am I going to help more indigent people if I pass this bill than if I don't?