

for property tax relief? And I think that LB 89 truly should be a bill that discusses the merits of whether or not the teachers of the State of Nebraska deserve an increase in salary, not whether or not the property taxes are too high. We have debated that. The answer is, clearly they are. The solution is not so clear. This is a simple little amendment that has a price tag of about \$300 million. It's not a simple \$15 million clarifying amendment that Senator Warner just had adopted, so I want the body to clearly know that it is one that does have some zeros behind it. The amendment is one that I'm going to pull, though, and bring back for the body to address, not as part of the Schmit amendment but as discussion with regard to LB 89, should the Schmit amendment be adopted. At this time, Mr. President, I would respectfully withdraw the amendment to the bill...or to Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Schmit's amendment. (Chambers amendment is on page 1212 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, before recognizing you may I introduce a couple of guests. Senator Coordsen has a special guest under the north balcony, Mr. Charles Trauger from Geneva, Nebraska. Mr. Trauger, please stand. Thank you for being here. Also guests of Senator Moore from Milford High School, Marci Lab, Annette Hiebenthal, and Melissa Thomas, under the north balcony. Ladies, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we're glad to have you with us. Senator Chambers, on your amendment, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm particularly pleased that you made the introductions of the gentleman and the three ladies, just before I spoke, because I have a feeling I'm going to need their votes, if I can get them on this proposal. I've handed the amendment around that I'm going to offer. There is a word that I would have to change so, Mr. Chairman, I had put the word "items" in my amendment when I should have had the word "goods". So may I just substitute that, because I scratched it off on that motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If there are no objections, and frankly, Senator Chambers, it's your amendment anyway.