

the burden on those least able to bear it. There was a period in Rome when a man, named Martial, lived. M-a-r-t-i-a-l, so it's clear how his name is spelled. And he wrote epigrams. And the punch line in one of his epigrams was that this individual in Rome had precious little, but that precious little wound up being taken from him when he came to Rome. So we look at the poor. Abraham Lincoln said, God must have really loved them because he made so many of them. Jesus said, the poor you'll have always with you. But those are not admonitions for us, as legislators, to try to create poor people and keep those who are poor in that impoverished condition. It means that it's probably a problem that will never be solved. But those of us who have the means should do what we can with those means to help alleviate that problem. And we know how we would desire to be treated. We know how we treated those who wanted the capital gains break. We know how we treated ConAgra. We know how we treated all of these big powerful interests who can still make it without the breaks we gave them. Four million dollar tax break to Ak-Sar-Ben. All the way across the board you can see it. So here is what I'm asking that you do, adopt this amendment and exempt from the additional 1 percent sales tax utilities, clothing or household items of any kind and description.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, would you care to discuss the Chambers amendment to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, primarily because I've had my light on for days now and every time I get my turn to speak somebody has another amendment. (Laughter.) I really a question for Senator Schmit, but I don't see him right here. Maybe he'll be coming back in a moment. I would just have a comment about the previous amendment by Senator Warner. I think Senator Withem said that nobody knew what was happening. I think almost everybody in this body should have been aware that the Warner amendment would be automatic to protect the Highway Trust Fund (laughter) after the Schmit amendment was adopted. My question for Senator Schmit, and he's not here, but I'll go through this anyway, is exactly how his property tax would work, property tax relief would work under his amendment. I understand he has some other amendments to his amendment, but as I read his amendment, and then referring back to LB 89 on page 9, lines 15 through 17, where it says "the money in the property tax relief account shall be distributed in the same manner as provided in Section 79-1334", which is the School