

add that for me, personally, my first and foremost reason for not supporting moving this bill out of committee was for the fact that Senator Hannibal mentioned. There is a lot of things out there that we have to decide what is and what isn't in the recommendation that we ultimately make. That reason is the first reason I don't think now is the time to pull 683 out of committee and why I have never supported doing it, but the other thing that we really have to look at is the whole question of a policy issue that other senators have raised. Now if it is, I mean, believe it or not, I don't think anybody has mentioned the actual words "property tax relief". Yeah, this bill is, and I am sure eventually someone is going to have to, because that is usually what it is called because it is state money in lieu of property tax dollars, but as already has been mentioned, many municipalities already have some tools to address their own problems. I think that is the best way to address those problems is through, you know, the municipal sales tax and things like that. Those things are already in effect that could be used if that was the desire that that local municipality had. You know, it is not need-based state aid. It is strictly across the board. And, actually, Senator Schellpeper made some good points about some primarily very rural communities dying on the vine. Well, I don't know, actually the little amount of money those communities would get in 683 would probably not finance much of a project. I think if the Legislature wishes to do some things for municipalities, maybe we would be better off going down the avenue of the wastewater treatment where we have had grants and loans and things like that to assist these communities that actually needed it for a specific project, and maybe that \$4.5 million for infrastructure redevelopment could be better spent in a more targeted area, but for all the reasons that the other senators have mentioned, that is all I want to say and I will sit down then.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I find myself this morning on very shaky moral and political ground because I am in agreement with Senator Scott Moore, Senator Warner, Senator Hannibal, and the others who have spoken against this motion. I have to make a disclaimer, I do not have any particular scruples about pulling a bill from committee so that is not why I am arguing against this motion. I want to go to the merits or lack of merit of the bill. Senator Hall has before us LB 262 which will allow Douglas County to raise the