

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...that can fund 84 over and above the amount that the Governor now recognizes is available for property tax relief this session, a number which I conclude and agree with her is \$50 million. I'm going to support the Chizek amendment and hope you do as well, and I intend to be a principled, fair-minded and rational supporter of LB 84 to the extent that it does not foreclose me from doing other good works this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'd like to ask Senator Chizek a question, if he would. Are there any plans, Jerry, that the four senators that worked this out, that you would back a half cent sales tax increase...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...some time in the...in order to fund it, or one cent, whatever that your plans are?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator, I'm of the opinion right now that it isn't necessary. If I see down the line that it is necessary, then I'm willing to deal with that at that point in time. But the figures I see today certainly do not indicate that it is. I mean way back months ago when I appeared with a \$38 million state aid bill before the Appropriations Committee, one of the members, who I'm smiling at right now, said they had at least 50 million. That was a number of months ago. There are a lot of people now that are saying there's at least 50 million. I remember a few years ago when we changed the tax structure and we talked about hold-harmless seven or eight million. At that time, if you looked at the transcript, I stood up on the floor and said it would probably be closer to 20. I was way low, Senator.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: When you worked out this compromise, though, did you four senators agree that you might have to have an increase of the sales tax?

SENATOR CHIZEK: No.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you. Personally, I think maybe we