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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: We're saying that the first year it can be funded from the General Fund without a tax increase. Then, as we mention here in this handout, then come January 1, 1990 we'll look at the situation. I don't think anybody knows how much money is available. We've got numbers, we've got numbers, and we've got numbers from various sources. So I think the one thing we can say with certainty is that this year it does not need a tax to support the bill. And I guess when we talk about this I don't know why this bill should have a tax hooked to it when some of the other spending bills do not. There is enough money to fund it this year, in 1990 we'll look at it.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you. I still think that maybe we may have to have a sales tax increase the next year or two. I just cannot see how we can say we can put ninety some million dollars the next two years without knowing where it's really going to come from, without cutting some other programs. I think that this compromise is a very good compromise worked out with the rural and the urban senators. I think it's something that all Nebraska...that will benefit the whole state. But I think we really need to look at some type funding in there eventually. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Chizek amendment. I know that there are others that have signed onto it and some others that would have liked to have signed on it. But we've been talking about property tax relief for many years. I guess I would like to probably call it more property tax replacement rather than relief, because we realize that we rely on property taxes too much for the support of local government, which includes our schools. This 94 or 95 million dollar proposal, or whatever it would be, would mean approximately a 10 percent reduction in property taxes. I believe this is the right way to go. I think the formula that has been devised is good. We take care of the residential owners, which certainly need property tax relief. We take care of the small businesses in these small towns, which certainly