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offset the reduction in those lower two brackets, it does not make sense for us to move 739. We are going to be back here looking at property tax relief and paying for it in years to come, shifting, as 611 would have us do, to an income, sales and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...property tax equation for the funding of schools at the local level. We can't do all these things and still reduce the brackets without increase, only slightly, that very highest bracket. Nowhere near where it was prior to 773 and its passage, nowhere near the effective rate that was in place prior to the passage of 773. I would urge you to seriously look, if you intend to vote against the committee amendments and put 739 back into the form that it was introduced, at having a fifth bracket in there to fund that. We talk about funding mechanism in every other bill this year, let's put the funding mechanism in 739, let's be consistent, if you will, with regard to how we allocate these funds, because it is only fair that if we're going to correct it for the people that are paying more than we...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...increase those people who paid a heck of a lot less with the passage of 773. I'd urge you to listen and vote to adopt the Wesely amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I'm going to speak today, I'm maybe going to vent some frustration that's been holed up for a number of months, and I'm going to get maybe a little bit almost personal. I'm glad Senator Wesely has the chance to speak after me. But the fact of the matter is that in many ways this amendment is showing the true colors that the debate has been raging for the last two years. You've had Senator Wesely for month, and months, and months sat there and beat the Governor over the head and saying, hey, you raised taxes, you've got to give the money back. Well this was coming from Senator Wesely, who we all know wants to spend the money, he's always wanted to spend the money. He's introduced bills totaling over \$200 million in either spending money, or getting money back. Senator Wesely has always wanted to have it both