

this is a big enough priority that it's going to find its way in the appropriation process of this Legislature this year. I've not heard arguments yet that have told me to vote for this bill because it's a high enough priority by the body to pass it. We're giving a lot of lip service this afternoon, but I don't sense that there is a lot of total commitment to the idea yet. It seems as if we're going in two different directions. This morning we were going in the direction of providing...spending about \$94 million a year on property tax relief, while on the same hand, this afternoon, we're talking about reducing the income level of this state by providing an income tax adjustment. Those won't...I can't see how those are going to be compatible. So I'm trying to listen to the arguments here today on how this is going to fit in the budget. I think it would be a terrible mistake for this Legislature to adjust tax rates in a year in which we have significant revenues in our state coffers and we simply...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...spend ourselves in a situation where we have to raise taxes. I don't want to do that. I want to do something with the money we have available, and I want to provide some tax relief, either property or income tax side. I don't know how we can do that with the proposals that have moved forward in this body up to this point. Now we haven't even begun to talk about the Governor's property tax relief measure in 809. So I'm just trying to sort out, for my own personal benefit, how we fit this bill in the priority process of appropriations in this session. Now maybe we'll get to that when we get beyond these committee amendments. But I still am listening for arguments that will give me reasons to go back home and say, I made these adjustments, they will fit in the budget and there won't be...won't be a need to adjust the tax rates in order to do that. That's the concern I have for this and, quite frankly, for any of the other property tax relief or income tax relief bills coming before us, because they are very expensive.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, you've heard a lot of statistics, so I won't get involved in the statistics. But, Senator Hannibal, I do not have a transcript of 773, I don't want one, I won't read one. But I can remember they stood Vard