

like to discuss the advancement. Senator Lamb. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, members, much of this ground has been covered in discussion of the amendment. And to clarify a possible question that Senator Haberman had about the reason for the one-year sunset, is that it seems to me that there is money in the treasury for one year. And whether we had a two-year sunset, or a one-year sunset, we were committed to revisiting the issue in case there was not enough money for the second year. So this seemed to ease the problem in many people's mind as to the funding situation. So that was the reason to go to the one-year sunset. Now, this bill has been under discussion for, well, I've been working on it for a number of years, as you know. I had a similar bill four years ago. I had a similar bill four years ago. During the special session that we had last fall, in November, I was working on the bill. I went over to the Department of Revenue to get help on the bill. I went to the Governor to enlist her support of the bill, and I did not get either of those. I've been working with a number of senators on this issue. And so then last Friday, as you well know, we had further discussions with the Governor about what could be a possible compromise issue, and one we had in mind was a one-year, a one-year instead of a two-year, because we understood that she did have problems with the funding mechanism, the funding amounts and so that was the proposal. Then, of course, that was not sufficient to allow her to support the bill, which is fine, which is reasonable. And I realize that she does have problems with the possible constitutionality, and I recognize that also. So, at this point, this doesn't have to be the bill. This does not have to be the bill that provides property tax relief this year, but I want it this year. I think most people here want it this year for several reasons. One is that the people of the state are crying out for tax relief more and more than ever before, and this is the year that we do have some money in the treasury that can be used for this purpose. Now LB 809 is coming up. I have repeatedly said that I'll support 809. This body will make the decision as to which is the best property tax relief bill. I can live with either one of them. This is the one that I've been working on for a number of years. And I have had many discussions with the Governor, with her staff over the past several months about it. We have never, until this weekend, had an offer of something that might be a compromise, and so we got it yesterday morning. I have still not seen the amendment, I