

General. But the body is, in essence, telling itself that we will fund it for one year. We may have it for more than one year, but we'll fund it for one, for sure, sunset it. We'll come back in a year when we're not so sure we're going to have funds available, and then in an election year we're going to go and say we may not have funds available, we're going to have to increase sales and income tax in an election year. As I say before, I don't know who we're trying to fool, but I think it's ourselves. One of the things I'd like to make very clear, at least for myself, and maybe I'm just speaking to my people in the 42nd District, or whoever may be listening, but I think the Legislature promised itself on the record, on the floor in the first few weeks we were here, Senator Withem introduced an amendment or a motion that would bring out a bill for \$50 million property tax relief. We've come a long way from that. We've come a long way from that point. But the Legislature said we wanted substantial relief, but I never heard anyone say we're going to give it for one year, then we're going to pull it off, because we don't know what we're going to do, we're going to study and look at it one year. I don't think Nebraskans care if they have it just for one year. The Nebraskans I talked to want it permanently, they don't want a one-year reprieve, they want it permanently. And the people I've talked to over night and the last couple of days when I asked them, do you want something that's permanent for a long period of time, or something just for a short period of time that may be taken away? They'd say, don't mess with us that way, either you're going to do it or you're not going to do it. So I'm very concerned with the one-year limitation. I mentioned to Senator Chizek, earlier, that I was concerned with that. I understand the political reasonings that have come into this body, I understand them. I'm not sure I'd be doing much different. But I think the body has to come to a conclusion, if you're going to do substantial, and we're doing it for a long period of time then, people, you have to decide to swallow and bite the bullet. You can't continue...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...to go this way and expect the Legislature's stature to rise and expect people to applaud you when you go home because, dang it, they're smarter than that, they're smarter than that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer.