

increase in the sales tax right now, the surplus that is there was put there by those who pay sales tax, income tax and the landlord's property tax, and they get nothing out of this so-called relief. Instead of seeing now Senator Chizek, Senator Hall, Senator Moore and Senator Lamb, I see those four cowboy brothers whom the railroads and banks were very, very skeptical about. All we need are those two other fellows named James and we've got the whole panoply, that's what it boils down to. With all of the talk of property tax relief we're really dealing in political maneuvering to create the appearance of something that is really not there. And I'm opposed to that because in order to create the appearance there has to be an injustice done to those who will get no relief under this or any other property tax bill, but they will be called upon again to add additional money to pay for relief that they're not going to get. They continue to get stuck again, and again, and again. And probably the reason there is so much talk about property tax relief here is because a lot of the people on the floor are property owners. They keep saying that the public is crying for property tax relief and have indicated that that has been the case for years. But the reason they're offering it this term is because there is additional money in the treasury, and it was not all put there by those who pay property tax. Unfortunately, mine will be the only voice on this floor for those who do pay the money that helped create the surplus and will get no consideration. Senator Schmit surprised me. He talked about the passage of 361, LB 361, and said that some of the rural people thought that this term, this session was going to give them some relief. But instead they wind up with a bill being passed that is going to raise the rural tax, the rural property or the farmland by \$50 million. Well, now if there is going to be a \$50 million increase on them, what is it that they want from the Legislature? What more do you want, Senator Schmit, wherever you are? You want more than that? I'm shocked at you. Greed works, but it's not becoming in Senator Schmit. Now I'd like to ask Senator Jerry "Dalton" a question, if he'll answer it. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator "Dalton", no I'm just kidding. Senator "James" (laughter)...

SENATOR CHIZEK: That's my middle name.