

wait a minute, now wait a minute, this 1,093,000,000 and this 1,170,000,000 for the state agencies is fine but we can't do that two years for the taxpayer.. We cannot give him property tax relief. We can't do that. We can only do it for one year. Well, now who do you think is paying this \$1,093,000,000 appropriations? The taxpayer, the property owner, the wage earner. Who do you think is paying the \$1,170,000,000 appropriations bill? The citizens, the taxpayer, the property owner, they're paying it. So how can this body say to those folks, folks, we're going to be generous and give you a one-year property tax relief, however, this body feels that everybody else should get a two-year, a semi-annual money that you're going to pay for. Well, now to me that's kind of a put down, that's kind of saying to these people, you really don't amount to much, we can stomp on you, twist you and turn you and what are you going to do about it? Now, some people said they're afraid to raise the sales tax during election year so let's say that's a fact which has nothing to do with it because we're raising the budget in an election year. Just because we did it this year doesn't make any difference because it's going to trigger in next year. Now it shows a \$70 million increase from '89-90 to '90-91. So if we take the \$70 million increase, we're only \$20 million short. Yeah, that's all, just \$20 million and that's peanuts compared to a billion dollar budget. So what I'm saying to you, folks, stop and think what a billion dollars is. Then you add onto that 93 million and you add onto that 170 million and we're saying to the property tax owner, I'm sorry, we can't afford to give you 94 million when we're going to spend over a billion. And we're saying to the taxpayers, we can't afford to give you 94 million when we're giving the state agencies and everybody else 1,170,000,000. That doesn't make sense. We have an opportunity to say here today, we're going to try this for two years. I have heard Scotty say, well, we've got to have a sunset on equalization foundation, we've got to change it, we've got to have a hammer. Well, folks, we've got to have a hammer. At the end of the two years we can change this. But let's be honest with ourselves and let's be honest with the citizens of the State of Nebraska, hey, let's give them a two-year property tax break. Let's do it for once, just once. In the 11 years I've been here we've never done it. Senator Schmit says, in the 21 years he's been here, he's never seen it. So I would ask you to reconsider making this a two-year property tax relief on LB 84 and then we can advance the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.