

reduction process that we have just adopted here. It will be an increase of say 97 million for the income tax and 71 million for the sales tax. I feel very strongly that we should be moving towards an equality, and as for the payback that would then go to the property owners, and as you say and as you are correct, Senator McFarland, a part of that comes from sales tax, a part of that comes from income tax, but those areas, if you are taking an equal share, have not been paying their share in the past. They have not been paying up to the share that property tax has been having. I feel that we are just beginning to move in the right direction, that we cannot wait. If we wait, the public is going to demand that we do something, and if they do, it will be something that we won't care for because they will take the reins in their own hands. In this interim if this is passed, becomes into law, and is enacted and it meets all the tests, there is time to be working this out, and Senator Moore has a bill within which we can work, a realm within which we can work, and we can all have our say. For us to wait a day or two and say that we are all going to have our say, it is not enough time, but this does begin to give time, and this is a first step, and we can begin to build and work this out within the next few years. I do hope you look favorably on moving it back, advance to E & R Engrossing, and I feel that this is becoming a good bill. I thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you care to discuss it? (Mike off) ...that for the moment. Thank you. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss it? Thank you. Senator Moore, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Pass.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Legislature, I had said some things that may have been frivolous the other times that I spoke, but I am watching the way this bill is moving. It is a very serious issue and it is going to move without debate. It is taking on semblances of the old 775 where there is more politics here than concern for the public. Not one of those who have worked toward the putting together of this bill can say that the property tax relief that the average citizen will receive is substantial. It is not even guaranteed that there will be anything next year. I look at the smugness on this floor about this little piddling thing that is done