

entire property tax problem, at least for this year. You recall that amendment was passed a couple of weeks ago. And then people were saying that that was a constitutional, that you could have caps on it, that it was going to be a situation where everyone had signed on, everyone agreed to it, the amendment was added. Suddenly we got an Attorney General's Opinion back said it's unconstitutional. We had had an amendment that was proposed to take off the caps. That amendment was rejected. Just a few days later then the Attorney General comes out with the opinion that the caps, in fact, were unconstitutional limitations on the statute. Now, in response to that Attorney General's Opinion, in response to that uncertainty do we go back and say, let's look at the long-range process, let's go back and look at and reevaluate this all again? No. What happens? You have the same group of senators getting together over the lunch hour and they make some...they throw another kind of package together and say, well this is the solution. I suggest to you that this isn't the solution and that too many of us are being led, like sheep, to...down a path or to a tax proposal that you may vote for and then later regret. I even noticed yesterday in the paper the initial tax relief under this proposal was supposed to be \$95 million. A day later the Revenue Department comes out and says, no, it's not \$95 million, it's \$98 million. I don't know, you know, what's three or four million dollars to the Department of Revenue? They've been so inaccurate before. I suggest to you that this whole process seems to me to be very much like the process that was followed under 773 and 775 and that entire tax package. It was proposed by a group, a core group of senators in conjunction with the executive department, it was proposed as a revenue neutral economic development tax package, and we're here, two years later, saying we didn't know that was going to happen, we didn't intend for that...that that...that the tax increase was going to happen. We weren't aware that these would be the consequences. If this bill is passed in this form, it will look good initially, we can go out and I'm sure a number of the senators in this body will go out and say, boy, we finally really achieved something in property tax relief. The truth of the matter is that the relief and the tax solution is a illusory, it's temporary, it does not address the problems, and what we really need is an entire...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...reform of our entire tax structure in the State of Nebraska. And I would not start, Senator Hefner, with