

the property tax. I would start with the income tax where the greatest error was made two years ago when LB 773 was passed. And, with that, I would urge that you consider not advancing this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Mr. President, I would. I appreciate the opportunity. Mr. President and members, I rise in support of advancing LB 84 to E & R Final. The bill is one, as I stated earlier, that does not come about through any sort of whim. It has been difficultly dealt with throughout its tenuous life. It has been something that has been a compilation of different ideas and different approaches to probably the most difficult problem we have had to deal with here as a Legislature. Many members have previously stated that this has been a problem that has festered like a sore that just won't heal, because it hasn't been the right solution. Ladies and gentlemen, there is no real right solution that everybody can agree to, but this is the best solution, this is the best medicine to scab over that sore so that it begins the healing process and we start down the path that brings us to reduction in property taxes through a shift in how we pay for that. Senator McFarland, I, too, would start with the income tax, and you clearly know that. And I don't relate it at all to 773 or '75, or the processes that surrounded that, because this is not something that any outside interest is forced upon the Legislature, but it has developed from within. And the Legislature itself has finally come to the decision that, yes, we have to do something; and, no, we don't all agree that this is perfect, but we agree that we must provide property tax relief and we're going to start doing it through LB 84. And we're going to start down that road and we're going to make the difficult decisions. Hopefully, through the shift in ultimate, long-going, ongoing property tax relief we do correct some, what I would call discrepancies in the income tax system. And hopefully you'll be a part of that and you'll help in the discussion of that, because I would appreciate that. But the fact of the matter here is that this is not something that does not help the taxpayer, it clearly does. Senator Chambers, the folks that are going to be helped the most, as a matter of fact, the homeowners that are going to be helped the most, are the folks from your district and my district, Senator Lindsay's district. We represent, right in a row, one, two and three, in descending order, the poorest districts in the state. What kind of relief is that going to mean in the case of your district,