

people who own...who don't own homes, who own automobiles, and that property tax, that tax that you pay on the automobile can mount up. So what I am trying to do with this amendment is embrace a few more individuals. And, since you refuse to strike the language that I was hoping you would strike, it will add a bit more truth and validity to that statement. So I will see what the discussion is, then I'll know how to proceed. But it isn't necessary to say that much to explain what it is that the amendment would do. On page 2, in lines 3, strike "except motor vehicle valuations", and then the language would read, "All property tax valuations shall be reduced by 8.5 percent" and so forth. I hope you'll adopt that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise to oppose returning...to oppose returning the bill to Select File. Although I appreciate Senator Chambers' sincerity in offering this amendment, because it is a difficult question that he raises, and I think he's raised...that it's been his theme throughout his opposition to the bill, and that being that it is not a relief...tax relief that every taxpaying individual in the state has the opportunity to receive. That's difficult to do in the form that LB 84 is crafted, or just about any other form. It's not impossible, Senator Chambers, and it's something that I would be willing to work on in the future because I think as we move toward long-term property tax relief, making the shift, as we've talked about, there are ways to provide, and other states do it, income tax relief for renters that is basically property tax relief. I think it's the State of Minnesota that currently provides that and a couple of other states that have a method by which you can do that. Under our current income tax system I think that may very well be possible. And I would be more than willing to look at that issue when we develop a long-range property tax relief proposal. Under the current plan that we have in LB 84 it's not doable, and I wish it were, but it isn't. To exempt the motor vehicle valuations we're looking at what that number would be right now, the personal property tax on that, so that we have a figure that we can give you. But I don't know what the cost would be there. The fact of the matter is that if we provide or adopt the Chambers amendment, return the bill and adopt Senator Chambers' amendment, there is additional cost to the bill, I don't know what it is right now, hopefully before he closes on discussion of the amendment we'll