

have that figure. But I do empathize with the issue, not so much on the fact that it would reach more people, because it would not be all encompassing. What about the renter who doesn't own a vehicle? I mean, you know, how do you catch those people that fall through the cracks there? It's a quandary at best. So the issue here is I oppose Senator Chambers' amendment, although I do appreciate the fact that what he is attempting to do is try to reach as many taxpaying people in the state as possible. But I'm willing to look at that and hope to make that a part of any long-range property tax relief proposal that is passed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Beyer and Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Chambers' motion. Motor vehicles, of course, as you know the sales tax on motor vehicles goes into the Highway Trust Fund. The property tax does go into the county general fund. But, if we were to put that in this bill, it's another 7 or 8 million dollars. So, that's, as Senator Hall has said, that's something that could be done. Do not think that it's appropriate at this point, and so I would ask that the bill not be returned for that purpose.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Beyer, please.

SENATOR BEYER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would, Mr. Chairman. The reason I would attempt to do this rather than anything for the renters alone is because there is no reference to a renter in the bill. The language that I'm attempting to strike is already a part of the bill. And I know that it will not benefit anybody who does not own a vehicle. But there are a lot of people who do who