

because the cap went out. Is that why you're now opposed to the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: That's a large reason, yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Now I concur with you, Senator Wesely, because it frustrates me as well, but I unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, I think in the best interests of all of us, if we want to do something on this issue, it probably has to come out. And I...you know, I share your frustration but not so much so I want to abandon the whole process and try and return...try and do something like this. I guess I'm also frustrated with people saying this is a way to get rid of money. I don't care if it took a sales tax increase to do this, I'd vote for it. If it took an income tax increase to do this, I'd vote for it. If you remember, go back to January, I'm just talking for myself now, I introduced a bill, I introduced a bill that Senator Chambers called me immoral for introducing a bill along with Senator Jacky Smith on food sales tax. It reinstated the sales tax on food to do something for property taxes. I introduced a bill, a huge bill, LB 611, in its original form would have tried to shift taxes, raised income taxes to the tune of \$350 million to shift taxes from property to income. Maybe that is something that Senator McFarland would like to support, if he doesn't like this, he wants to address the whole thing, maybe he'd like the bill in its original form, maybe I would have, too. The fact of the matter is that we've wound down now for four or five months on the issue, this is...you know we've basically come to a concurrence. I don't think in the remaining 12 days of this session that we're going to permanently solve the property tax problem. But I think with the passage of LB 611 maybe we're saying that we're finally ready to move towards doing something. In the meantime, given the realization and the fact that Nebraska...the property taxes Nebraskans pay is very high, and given the fact quite honestly that the sales tax and income taxes that Nebraskans pay is fairly low, you know, if it's...I don't care what you want to call the money, if you want to call it surplus, or whatever, we're trying to decrease property taxes and make property tax burden to Nebraskans fair. And I guess I'd be more concerned if the fact was that we had a bare boned, if this proposal was robbing money from state government, the fact of the matter is that we're talking a 12, 13, 14, double digit increase to state government right now. In some ways, in my opinion, it may be too much. I suppose robbing from...doing good things for state government, there is money there to fund