

to pay the light bill so at night they can see and their children can read. Those are conscious decisions. So they should definitely pay their sales tax and they should pay that rent so that that landowner can come down here and get additional benefits by saying that each day he or she holds on to that property it's not a conscious decision to do so; that each day a farmer decides to continue pursuing agricultural activities it's not a conscious decision to do so. This is one of the most blatantly unfair, inequitable bills that has come before the Legislature and we all know it. But the thing that makes it especially bad is that it's not even giving substantial relief to the people who own the property and are to get the benefits. Doesn't amount to a hill of beans. But I'm listening to all of the political hay being made already and the posturing about what is being done for the people who have been demanding property tax relief all these years. This is what is insulting. And then it's only for a year. If the money is not going to be shared with those who helped create the surplus, then it ought to be spent as...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..tax money should be spent to benefit as much of the population as a whole as possible and not benefit people only because of their status as property owners. But I'm talking to the wind and I know it. But some things have to be gotten into the record. This is an unfair bill and even those who are to be benefitted are not getting that much from it and I want to see, as somebody was saying earlier today, how many cards and letters you get thanking you when somebody sees that, Senator Lamb, some people will get 160 dollars, and see if they write letters and say, I really thank you and you're a good Legislature because you gave me property tax relief and the fact that you gave it to me this year is all right. Take a garment off that has elastic and scratch twice and it will make your itch. That's what you're doing. You're scratching enough to make the people itch, but you're not scratching enough to cure the itch.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Is it all right to call the question now, Mr. Chairman?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Did you move the previous question?