

being taken to task as Governor Orr was for having said she would not raise taxes, then raised them, I think the converse will be true in this case where you give the impression that you're reducing property taxes substantially because that's the impression that's being given, and then the people find out that you didn't, I think they're going to be inflamed. I think they're going to feel that they've been hustled. It would be better, I think those people would say, to consolidate that money and spend it on a program so there is a recognizable appreciable gain that accrues to the people as a whole instead of frittering it away in this fashion, especially when certain classes of taxpayers are deliberately and intentionally excluded. Senator Schmit and others have mentioned the amount that goes to the federal government. Maybe that's a way of bringing about a bit of equity without benefitting those to whom the money should go. They don't get it so it's taken and given to another from those who think they're going to get that to which they're not really entitled. Property taxpayers....Let me ask a question before I go on, 'cause I don't know that much about these kind of matters. Senator Lamb, you're just kind of sitting there and I'd like to ask you a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the state levy a property tax?

SENATOR LAMB: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it cannot do so because the Constitution will not allow it, is that correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the state giving this money, that's called relief, to property taxpayers?

SENATOR LAMB: This allows property taxpayers to pay less in property taxes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Less to whom?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, it's for the support of subdivisions of government.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so the subdivisions of government are