

course there was an increase in taxes and two-thirds or more of us can tell you up front, personally, about the increase. And I recall and I'm going through some of the old clippings about back in April when the Governor maintained she still didn't raise taxes back in April and then later on we have...oh, this is a great one, this is one we probably all forgot because I did until I saw it, but if you remember back in June 13, 1988 when again the increase was apparent to everybody, Huston Carlyle, remember Huston Carlyle, they interviewed him as the Chief of Staff for the Governor about the situation and he said that that wasn't the case, there wasn't a tax increase. An unintended tax increase is an oxymoron, said Carlyle, there can be no tax increase. There can be a tax increase only if it is intended, he said, and since they didn't intend a tax increase there was no tax increase, if you remember that whole issue. We have kind of forgotten a little bit about that. That was...that was thinking that we haven't seen much of lately and we're glad to see it but we went on to talk about again July 13, 1988 there was certainly no tax increase of any magnitude that some people are crowing about, State Tax Commissioner John Boehm talks about, and, well, I could go on and on. And so we have been arguing now for about a year about this whole issue and in December the Governor finally recognized that there was a tax increase...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR WESELY: ...but it was this incredible pressure. I know it came...Senator McFarland and I, in particular, were the leads on this, but it's the people that are calling out and asking for tax relief and I think it's the people that deserve the tax relief and so I will oppose the motion to return and strike the enacting clause. But I want you to also know that this is inadequate tax relief and it is not as far as it could be and we will continue to have to work on this issue. But I am glad to be able to stand and support the Governor on this issue to this degree.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise also to oppose the motion to return to strike the enacting clause. I think this is the second half of the one-two punch on behalf of the taxpayers this session. We have passed a bill which provides property tax relief and this is a bill that provides additional