

SENATOR HALL: I am going to withdraw those amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, you're going to withdraw all the amendments and just advance the bill as the committee has amended it. Is that correct? Is that what your plan is?

SENATOR HALL: Well, it's Senator Chizek's bill but I would support that, yes.

SENATOR LAMB: And he is nodding yes. He is nodding yes.

SENATOR HALL: You're right, he is.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes, he nodded yes.

SENATOR LAMB: You know, I have a feeling this 747 has taken off without me. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lamb, you're welcome to board.

SENATOR LAMB: Is it...could I ask another question of Senator Chizek, I guess, this time? Is it your intent then that this would be the vehicle by which property tax relief is accomplished for, say, this next year?

SENATOR CHIZEK: I would certainly hope so, Senator.

SENATOR LAMB: Would you not think that this should be...rather than using this procedure where we're amending a bill held over from last year to do whatever, would it not be more logical to...

SENATOR CHIZEK: No.

SENATOR LAMB: ...to start with a bill which goes through the public hearing process rather than just bringing in amendments on a bill which is a bit stale at this point?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I'm not so sure property tax in this state is ever stale, Senator. And the bill, as you are well aware of, had a public hearing last year. I mean, property tax is not an issue that we have only dealt with once or twice, as you know. It's just like LB 84, Senator, as the gang of four amended it last year, there were numerous amendments that didn't