

we have a situation here where property tax for the support of schools in this situation is high in relation to their income and yet the goal of the School Finance Review Commission was to find methods of reducing that. But here we have a situation where this bill doesn't do that. This bill does not do that. There is...this county has a high reliance on property taxes for schools and for every other governmental service, locally, and yet it doesn't...it doesn't...it isn't helped by this bill. In fact, it's harmed by the bill, that county is. And so it's amazing to me that we could say, well, that's all right, that's all right. We're...in this bill we are admittedly doing away with some inequities but there are some very striking inequities left in there and that's all right, maybe some day somebody will fix that up in the future. I guess that's sort of reasoning escapes me as being logical and I just wish someone would have a better reason as to why that should be allowed to happen. We have had a lot of discussion about property taxes, about whether or not property is a good measure of wealth. And I think Senator Schmit has asked some very interesting and very pertinent questions about property tax. And, as I mentioned before, the part of the bill I like is the reliance on income tax for part of the funding of schools. I guess my real problem is it doesn't go far enough. It doesn't do it. It doesn't do it. There is still, there is still too much reliance on property taxes in many cases and that poses a problem for me. This bill has a big head of steam and we have had...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: ...we have had a lot of discussion in the papers. We had a two-day seminar of the Legislature over at one of the state parks. And so the emphasis has been on the positive aspects of the bill. I guess I am calling on the press, the news media, to look at the other side a little bit, look at the other side. I don't think the media has looked at the negative side of this bill. I think practically every article you see has the first two-thirds of the article extolling the bill. Then right down at the bottom there will be maybe a sentence about the possible negative effects of the bill, the shortcomings, but has certainly not been emphasized. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Question.