

and patrons in the district with the exception of Senator Pirsch and I would hate to see us roll into something that we might need, but, oh, that we could go a bit slower and, oh, that we could go a bit lower because I have a lot of renters in my district. I have lots and lots of apartment houses and as I look at the figures that are available to me at this time, my support must have to be softening, not to the concept of 1059, but for what it is actually going to do to some of the people in the urban districts. And you know, I can't go home to them and say, well, I just did this to you, so I want to bring that before the body. I thank Senator Haberman for his amendment. I think Senator Hefner's amendment may make it more palatable for some, and less palatable for others, but definitely I am very, very concerned about a lot of the people. The average income in my district is much lower than a lot of other districts represented here. I have a tremendous number of working people, single families. I have so many renters, and they are very, very concerned about what this income tax increase will do to them and so I guess I would just finish by saying, I thank Senator Haberman for what help he is giving folks. But I guess the problem ultimately will be. What we have to decide is what is actually best for the taxpayer who also, will also be a school district patron and I know that this bill as it is would certainly benefit Omaha and we certainly have probably the most problems of all districts. We have 1,400 foster care children in Douglas County. We have a lot of children coming from dysfunctional homes. That takes more in the school to handle those kinds of things. Our teachers are really on the front lines there. But again and again, I just have to go back as I look at the figures I have in front of me, unless you can provide others, and as I talk to accountants, I'm very, very concerned about my taxpayers and I do think we have to keep that in consideration although certainly I have been supportive of our public school system and will remain so. But I think it's a very real concern and I hate to see this body just rolling on like a snowball in July, not thinking about those people back home, and so I just bring that to your attention.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would move to amend