

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, and for those of you that are within earshot of me and not in the Chamber, I urge you to come back, because I will close with a call of the house so we can all get on record. The time has finally come, this is only the General File vote, but it's the first of three votes the whole body will take on this bill. And I would guess that there are a few members of the body that are more than a little bit nervous, and you probably have good reason to be, because, as Senator Schmit says, yes, you're talking about the largest tax increase probably in 25 years. Senator Schmit tends to forget that you're also talking about the largest tax decrease in 25 years, and he tends to forget that you're talking about the most massive shift we've had in this state for a long time. And should you be nervous? We all should be nervous, simple fact of the matter is people, for a variety of reasons, don't trust us down here. Senator Chambers makes a good point that we're trying to mislead people. And, if we're misleading people, I apologize for that, because we've been trying to be very up front. You know Senator Warner, the "Dean of the Legislature", sometimes he mumbles in committee and I often listen to him. One statement that he made that I'm reminded of on this bill, it's one of those things that politicians get elected to this body by making promises and they get re-elected by breaking them, because if you would keep all the promises you kept you'd make so many people mad at you, you could never get re-elected again. This is one of those things where people like myself, I'm keeping one of the promises I made. Another thing Senator Warner said, told the story about he raised the gas taxes young in his career and went out to his constituents and said, well in an election year I wouldn't propose a tax increase unless I really meant it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the fact of the matter is I'm just as nervous as all of you. I have to go out tonight to the school district in my district that loses big and try and tell them why it's a good idea. And what I'm going to tell this is simply this; this bill makes some sense out of our tax distribution among the various types of taxpayers. This bill brings us a long way towards counting income and the wealth of the school district, and this bill takes away some of those disparities in