

what we intend to do. For those two reasons, the constitutional reason, and...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...the fact that we simply cannot afford to make everybody happy with this bill, I would urge Senator Schimek to withdraw this amendment. If we really need to address problems with renters, then let's do it with either homestead exemptions, or maybe you want to deal with rent control and things like that, if you want to put a shiver down everybody's spine back behind the lobby. But that's the way to deal with the problem, not like this. I would urge Senator Schimek, and I would first urge her to withdraw the amendment, if they do not decide to do that, I would urge the body to defeat it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Wesely and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to give another version of a speech that I've given previously when good ideas are brought forward. I'm going to say, to paraphrase a political concept that was going around here around the lid law, or the bottle bill situation, that they bring a right problem, but this is the wrong bill. This bill is not a bill designed to perfect all of the inequities that exist within our current tax structure. No single bill can do that. It's easy when you're on the...not one that's been part of the process of developing legislation to say, well, you left out a problem, there are still problems in our tax code that aren't solved. And, agreed, there are, there are a multitude of them. There are a multitude of problems, the problems that Senator Schmit talked about on General File, on what's in our personal property tax situation, the problem with how renters are affected is another one of those problems. If this bill's primary purpose was to decrease property taxes, if that were the primary purpose of it, I could understand wanting to get the renters involved, too. But that really isn't the primary purpose of this legislation. The primary purpose of this legislation is to affect the way in which schools are funded. We have tremendous inequities in our state in the way in which schools are funded. We have tremendous inequities in our state the amount of dollars that are spent per student, and that is the primary focus of this bill. When you get away from the overreliance on property tax, some people are going to have