

property tax reductions, those admittedly are property owners. They will be paying less in taxes. The reason that they will be paying more...less is because their district is one that is unfairly treated under our current system. And that's what it is we're attempting to do with this particular piece of legislation. Now, the other problems that have come up, I think they're excellent problems to discuss and to debate. And if, by bringing 1059 out, we are uncovering all of these other inequities that exist in our tax system, and we have, you know, Senator Wesely did a nice job, I think, of talking about the Governor's new found attention on this. Don, I hate to say this, you and I have got some people on our side of the aisle, too, that are wanting to be Governor that have suddenly discovered all of these problems that exist with 1059, because it doesn't solve everybody's problems. Whoever is Governor next year, I hope they remember, I hope they remember that this is a problem. And I think we ought to come back and we ought to address the renter concern, the renter problem. I think we ought to address the property tax, personal property tax problem. I think we ought to address all of those kind of things. But this is not a bill that is designed to deal with all of the inequities that exist within our current, our current tax structure. And, for that reason, I think we probably ought not do this on this bill.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I appreciate the concerns that have been expressed by Senator Withem, Senator Hall, Senator Moore, I guess Senator Robak and Senator Nelson have raised some in a particular area. There is no perfect solution to the problem. But I do think that Senator Moore's comments, particularly, need to be responded to, because they lack sensitivity, I think, to a legitimate concern here. Yes, you are talking about a shift from property taxes to sales and income taxes, but I think his argument was very weak. I thought Senator Withem had a much better argument against this amendment, if you want me to evaluate. Senator Moore, what you're talking about is, you know, that's the way it is, you've got to hurt some people, that's fine. Well, I think that that's not necessarily the case. Hurting low income renters is not something I would think is a good, sensible policy decision to make. We're trying to develop a system, hopefully, that reflects ability to pay taxes. And right now, what Senator