

addressed their needs. If we had wanted to make everybody happy, Senator Moore, we would have included all renters under this bill, that would have been my preference. But we were being...I think that we were being political realists when we realized that that would take too much away from this bill, would have no possibility of being passed on this floor. But I think it's a legitimate issue. I think our bill is a very modest bill. We're not talking about a lot of money. And, frankly, I'm kind of disappointed that the...some of the biggest supporters of LB 1059 are not listening to this concern at all, they're just dismissing it and saying we'll talk about it later. I'm willing to talk about it later, but I really wish that you would be a little bit more sensitive, as Senator Wesely mentioned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President and members, I understand that Senator Schimek and Senator Warner, Senator Schmit and Senator Chambers like to talk, and I thought about giving each one of them five minutes of my five minutes, so then we could get on with call of the question, if Langford is up next, knowing that probably won't happen, though. I will mention this, when I sat here thinking about renters, I couldn't help but think about a number of issues, especially one raised by Senator Hall about those who are on subsidized housing, in subsidized housing units. Besides what we know as, lovingly, housing authority units, there is also Section 8, there is also Section 236, in fact, to be completely frank, you can make up to \$28,000 a year, if you're a family of four, and still qualify for subsidized units. So I think when we talk about refunding or returning funds, the argument as it involved, and the concern as it involved definitions in the amendment for ag, for example, how it would apply to people in farms is another one that kind of concerns me. I certainly can agree with Senator Schimek and Senator Wesely about their concern. However, I think we really have to do a lot better job of defining who, in fact, would be eligible for this. To be completely frank, this is a property tax bill, it's a shift. I've had a few apartments, a lot of you have had some around here, I'm sure. The taxes you pay, the cost of maintaining that property determines what rent you pay. I'm convinced, to be completely frank, that the renters will, in fact, benefit just like everyone else when there is a shift, because as the competition out there develops for any kind of a rental unit, of course, the taxes paid on that piece of personal