

pay...the rent on that is \$250 a month and \$100 of that is out of their own pocket, we have to assume that 15 percent of that or \$15 is what they are paying per month for property tax and you can work that out for a total year period of time and then depending on what their income tax is and how many people in their family will give us an idea of how much money they might have refunded. Perhaps nothing, perhaps theirs would not be enough to merit a refund. I'd also like to go back to Senator Nelson's comments and questions on the floor and, Senator Nelson, I guess I'd like to just reiterate that farm families, too, could receive a refund under this program, but they would have to prove how much their rent was. If their entire farm is rented, then it would have to be worked out as to how much actually goes to the rent of their home and I think that you know that but you wanted to make it clear on the floor. Senator Lynch, appreciate your remarks. I think that we do want to encourage home ownership and I think this bill, in fact, or this amendment, in fact, might be a way of doing that or this tax policy might be a way of doing that. If we can give those low income people a refund on their property taxes, then perhaps that money could go towards a payment on a home of their own. So I don't think that we're mutually exclusive in our desires for people owning their own homes. I'd like to remind you that this is a refund bill. It goes directly back into the pockets of the taxpayer and that we estimate that it could not possibly cost more than \$5 million, that it, in fact, would probably be less than that and that we think that that is a very small amount to tack onto this bill. So I would just ask you to seriously think about it and if you have some concerns for the renters in this state, particularly those at the lowest level or the lowest rung of the ladder, then consider pushing your green button on this. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. And the question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, would you stand up, please. Ladies and gentlemen, may I announce to you that this is Senator Schimek's birthday and she provided the goodies today. Shall we wish her a happy birthday? And, thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.