

Except that, if that is the only way we can prevent further erosion at this point in time, then maybe that's what we're going to have to accept for right now, and then come back and do something to totally revamp the system and change it, which I am very supportive of doing. So I want you to know that probably, unless someone can alleviate my fears here in another way and make me see that this is not what is going to happen, I can't vote for this amendment, even though I totally understand what you're trying to do, and I agree with it. But I don't want to create more problems that we already have at the local level, and so that we totally lose our base for all the services that all of those people out there that we're talking about are bleeding, are enjoying, because we're talking here about our schools and everything else, I think. So I'm just hoping that someone else can expound on this, and, if they can't, I may be voting wrong, but I'll have to vote against the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Member from the 37th District, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to pass for the moment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker, I, too, am looking around the room and realizing there is not very many people here to listen to. But I would like to ask Senator Hall a few questions, if he would respond, and I want to make a couple of comments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Hall, we have right now before us appellants that would fall on about 243 in number right now that this legislation is designed to frame the issue around. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And, if this amendment is passed, then we no longer have just 243, we have all those who pay personal property tax.