

to him anyway.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I think what Senator Schmit has said has a lot of merit. But I stand in opposition still to this amendment, having sat in the position in a local subdivision, both on local school board and on a county board of supervisors of what impact it has, no matter how honorable it is, to take care of all of the people, which I think we're all here to do. They're still going to get it in the neck. I have communities within my district who were bumped right smack dab up against the top of their levy. We're down here talking about 30, 40, 100 million dollars, to these people a couple thousand bucks is vital in running the business and providing their city and providing the services to the people. We don't have any way of replacing these dollars. We talk about a long-term solution, but I don't see any in sight, I honestly don't. We open ourselves up to a liability of an additional 80 to 90 million dollars, and where is it going to come from? I know what Senator Schmit is saying, I know what Senator Withem is saying, I have empathy, I understand that completely. It's going to be very hard to go home and explain that. But I do think in the end the little people are going to get it in the neck again. I'd like to yield the balance of my time to Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam President and members, you know, during this summer, when we were home doing our thing, whatever that was, we heard all about the problems of local subdivisions as a result of the recent court decisions. And I think every one of us, when we read the newspaper every day, we turned to that section to see what was the latest development. And there was no good news, it was all bad news. We heard it time after time. Then I guess I'm finding it hard to believe that it seems as if, perhaps, this body is not as concerned about the problem as I thought it was. We're here in Special Session to do what we can to alleviate the problem. But what I've heard here this afternoon and evening has mostly been on the other side. This body is, in effect, saying, no, there is no problem, let's let those things go as they are going to go, without any corrective measures from this body. What have we done so far? Well, we adopted the amendment, the Conway amendment to LB 1. That, I guess, and I think Senator Conway, in its present form, maybe it