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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, on your time. He is going to tell me that something that benefits him is not why he likes it. That would be why I like it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chizek, you are next.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Waive.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Again I rise to support the committee amendments. Even the opponents of the bill should adopt the committee amendments because they do bring progressivity to the bill and I think make it a good proposal. The arguments that Senator Chambers, the chief opponent of the measure, brings to the bill probably to a certain extent could arguably be true for new car purchases. But the vast majority of folks in my district don't purchase new cars, and I would venture to say that the same is true for those in Senator Chambers' district. He is probably one of the few people in his district that buys a new car regularly, but he would, under the current system as it...when you look at the average taxing levy for personal property on automobiles in Douglas County, it is very likely that the individuals in Douglas County that he represents and that I represent, their cost are going to go down. The opponents of the bill, many of them, outside of Senator Conway, come from the rural areas of the state where they have lower levies. They have had a great deal for a long time in terms of their cost, and they don't want to see a uniform cost spread out to each of the counties. That is their opposition to it. There has been folks that I represent that have been paying a heck of a lot based on the rate that we are subject to in Douglas County, and those monies have to be levied, they are levied on value, and there is no different value between the '77 that I drive, that happens to sit in Douglas County, as opposed to the '77 that sits in a more rural county, which would have, McPherson for example, which has less than half the levy rate, but yet we both use the highways, we both use the roads in this state, both put the same amount of wear and tear on those roads because they are virtually identical vehicles of the same value. But yet because of where I live, I pay more. The issue with regard to those individuals who buy used cars, when you take the rate as it applies on a county by county basis and look at what the structured fee would