

kinds of things that the state needs to do to operate or the local municipalities and the schools and those other taxing entities at the local level. There are only so many dollars. If we continue to exempt and exempt and exempt, then where are we eventually going to provide any kind of property tax relief to those people who would probably most directly benefit from this kind of legislation? I guess I'm looking at the immediate amendment and certainly supporting that, but I'm having some very serious concerns with the entire bill and the road that we are going down seems not only to be a slippery slope but it feels like we're up in the mountains and we're skiing and that we could get out of control real fast as we're looking at the whole budget picture. I have some real concerns about the amount of money when I look at 3 million over two bienniums and that's just in those two years. We really haven't heard of any figures that are going to replace other than it might be additional sales, people might come here from Kansas, but if people in Kansas are already not likely to travel because they have the exemption there, if people in Iowa have the exemption and people in Missouri, I don't see a whole lot of people coming here and spending any additional money. And in certainly respect to Senator Dierks, I would say I wouldn't drive from Ewing all the way down to Kansas for \$125 and spend over four hours of time on the road and the wear and tear on my vehicle and gas to have a full tankful of gas as the end product of my almost whole day of labor. So I really don't see that a whole lot of people, and, again, I'm guessing like it seems others are guessing on figures here because we really don't have any data and it may be hard to come up with that. But I'm very concerned about the process and the whole budget aspect of what this calls into question and what is implied by one more step of cutting into our whole sales tax income. And if we're going to provide, and we almost started to deal with that today on the budget lid, on the property tax lid,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...then where are we going to come up with that money to provide property tax relief? And I think that's an important question and one that is going to have to be answered even though it may be a little bit ahead of the full budget. I don't think we can look at this separate and apart from the entire budget package. I think what Senator Beutler is proposing in at least taking out some of the exemption that's proposed in Senator Dierks' bill is important and I think it