

includes one of the employees of the Legislature, then if what I'm saying makes people a little uncomfortable it's tit for tat, measure for measure, even-steven. But now I'm going to say something about this bill and the other so-called property tax relief bills. The other day I had said that this package is flying the false flag of property tax relief. Well, now there's some study put together by a gentleman who works with some tax group who has pointed out that there will not be property tax relief coming from these bills; that people may have emptier pockets than before. Well, now I didn't have to undertake a long study like him, and that's the conclusion I arrived at days ago. But it becomes something worthy of note when somebody has taken a long time, lists some numbers and makes it seem like there is a great amount of substance. It just takes these people a longer time to see what is evident to me from the very beginning. And I would like to ask Senator Warner, since this is his bill.... Well, let me ask Senator Kristensen, because he's a member of the committee. Senator Kristensen, what is the property tax relief that is going to come from this bill if it's passed?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This particular bill, Senator Chambers, is the transition between today's environment and the environment when there will be limits on the levies, so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-hum.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..that a town, for example, can't say, well, gee, in two or three years we're going to have this levy limitation placed on it, we better spend as much as we can as fast as we can right now and buy all these things so we can survive over the next period of times. What it will do is prevent the growth between now and the time the levy limits come into place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, in one sense, with this bill's passage we're not down on the levy, but with this bill we'll be bearing down on the levy. That's all right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Your terms; not mine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I think all of this is much ado about nothing. It's just smoke and when the wind of reality blows it's all going to dissipate