

and put with the Legislature, the only way anything can be done here is to try to get 25 votes. And the only thing that will get 25 votes is to make it possible for millionaires not to pay taxes, for UP to be given all kind of tax breaks. And while we're caught up in that mind-set, or the other hand, we're going to cut the programs and take what little security the vulnerable people may feel by looking to their government away. I don't see how in good conscience that can be done. This amendment that I'm offering will not ensure or guarantee that the things I'm talking...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about will not happen. All it is saying, that instead of offering the hope and the prayer that regional and community representatives will be involved in the implementation of this legislative bill an assertion is made that has the force of law, and that is that these regional and community representatives shall be involved at all stages in the implementation of this legislative bill.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Elmer on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Chambers does have a fairly good idea here. The local people have been involved in this and know what's going on out there and can give good advice to the state. I see no harm in doing this. I've always had the feeling that people involved in social programs, whether it's education, whether it's welfare, whether it's mental health or other types of health types of things, should be supported by taxes of a general sort that everyone participates in, while those services that are property related such as fire protection, police protection, streets, alleys, roads, and things of that nature, that perpetuate and enhance the value of property should be paid by property tax. Since the LB 1059 would, as a whole, move the service, the taxes to provide the services to a general sort of tax, whether it's a county sales tax or a state sales or income tax, I think that this is the proper way to go and would support the bill because of that. I also think that input from the local authorities that have had this is wise at the same time. But these things that, whether it's education of children or providing services of social nature, should be paid by the people as a whole