

whether you own property or whether you don't. Thank you, Chair, Mr. Chairman.

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

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I sort of like Senator Chambers' amendment but I think it might make this horrible bill kind of palatable, so I don't know whether I'll support it or not. Senator Chambers did make mention that these property tax relief bills are purely political. You mean the property tax bills we were doing today, Senator Chambers? He said yes. And, of course, looking at what we're doing, and maybe that is political, that might or may not...or it may be and may not be. I...it's hard to imagine politics coming into play here on the floor of the Legislature, but (laughs) at any rate, if it's political...just look at what we did today. LB 1114, change and provide limits on property tax levies for governmental subdivisions. I mean what are governmental subdivisions? They're people that...entities that can take care of themselves. I mean they know what they're doing. They're not disabled or anything. Sales and...sales tax...the sales tax bill, the spending lid bill, those are also entities that can help themselves. They know how to fund and help themselves and defend themselves. The aid to municipalities, municipality is also another big player in this game. Then we drop down to 1059. I don't know how that can be a property tax relief bill. I simply cannot understand how that could even be in the same order here, one little section, special order property tax legislation, General File, 1996 senator priority bills. I see that it's...it could be a senator priority bill, but I do not see how it could be a property tax relief bill for heaven's sake. I had a property tax relief bill, I could have put that in here too. My 349 was more a property tax relief bill than this because it did figure income in the factor as...in distributing school aid formula. I just can't imagine that anybody could vote for a bill like this that...when we provide health and human services from the counties to the state you're touching people that can't defend themselves. You're touching mentally ill and some developmentally disabled people. They are different, they're not the same. You're touching the senior citizens. You're just ruining a good program that we have now. Maybe something should be done. Maybe Senator Wesely does have a good idea, but I