

dollars available somewhere else if you want to make some shifts in property tax at a later time. That's the reason when I've talked to people, I've always told them LB 1059 is one of those bills that I could do at a later period of time once I saw what was going to happen with the property tax because that \$20 million, or whatever the figure is, I may need at some other time to place in another revenue source. So, Senator Chambers, at least from my point of view, not part of the revenue package. There are other things, if the bill doesn't pass or if it does pass and it's vetoed, not overridden, there are other things that could be done to protect the counties on the impact of the levy limits. And I think that's how it fits into the property tax. There are those that think that this is an essential part to that package. For at least my position, that isn't true, that this is...this is an independent policy choice. And for those that are looking for other supporters, they can kind of ride on those coattails. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITH THEM: Senator Wesely on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. There is now no reference in the bill as to...no allusion as to this being substantial or insubstantial. It simply states a fact that property tax revenue is now used to support and, by eliminating that property tax revenue, there will be some tax savings. So we don't make any conclusion that this is substantial change. I think \$21 million of property tax relief is substantial. I think if it wasn't substantial, you wouldn't have Senator Crosby worried about how we come up with the money, and other people as well. It is a significant amount of property tax relief. In addition, it's more than just a tax shift. It is, in fact, an effort to relieve taxes by having a more efficient delivery system. So, Senator Kristensen talked about this not being part of the Revenue Committee package. It certainly is part of the package. This is part of the effort...I thought this was a team effort that all the different committees were working on, trying to come up with ways to reduce property taxes. The Revenue Committee has made their effort, with their lids and levy limits and caps and those sort of things, and that's fine. But they don't address the fundamental structure questions of how government now operates in this state. Those efforts that have been strung across the various committees of the Legislature, you will find very frequently most have been killed. And if they have been advanced, they have no priority status and